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Green Party alternative

Dear Editor,

I am appalled by President Clinton's endorsement of continued discrimination under his dishonorable "Don't Talk, Don't Touch" policy for gays in the military. Private off-duty behavior, that has absolutely no detrimental impact on the armed services, is still outlawed by our government. I find that kind of dictatorial invasion of privacy to be morally repugnant and un-American.

Clinton's position did not surprise me. It has always been clear that the Democrats will pay lip service to civil rights and equality for lesbians and gays, and bisexuals, because sometimes it is politically expedient. It is typical for the so-called "liberal" politicians to make a promise to us, break it, then have the gall to insist that the promise was fulfilled. I think it's high time we demanded better treatment from the people we support.

Fortunately, there is an alternative to the Democrats. The Green party has endorsed full equality from its inception, including total lifting of the ban, same-sex marriages, and full parental rights. One of the cornerstones of the Green philosophy is the idea that full social justice is critical to the development of a healthy and sustainable society. The Green Party has a true commitment, based on what is right and necessary, not what is politically expedient.

I urge supporters of equal rights to register Green, support candidates, and run for office as Greens. Let's send a message to Washington that we won't be lied to anymore.

Glen Mitchell
California Green Party
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Moving along

Dear Editor,

I am a great supporter of your paper and have had the opportunity to meet you on several occasions in the past. I am attaching a poem sent to me from a pen pal in Eureka, California. The poem was written in memory of a friend who lost his life to the battle of AIDS. It touched my heart in a deep way. I thought perhaps you might be interested in publishing this poem in your paper for the many of us who have lost loved ones, due to this horrible disease.

Last week after reading this poem, I immediately wrote back and asked how Tim might feel about having it published? A few days later Rob, his partner, wrote back and permission was granted.

The sun came out today.
The dreariness is gone
Someone thinks I've had enough.
It's time that I move on.
It got so heavy these last few months,
I needed some relief.
IVs, drugs and comfort measures
Added to my grief.
I'm finished here, and leaving you,
I have to move along.
We'll meet again, my friend,
In a place we both belong.

Tim Willits
In Memory of Alex

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Jim R. Joseph

So, the ban plays on

Dear Editor,

The potential of having the military's ban on lesbians, gays and bisexuals lifted meant a lot to many people. We rallied around our President, ready to back him all the way. The talk shows, whether television or radio, were abuzz with the news. Political cartoons appeared on all sides of the issue. Analysts, both left and right, had a hayday.

When the smoke cleared there was only one person left: Bill Clinton. The media, poised with cameras aimed like shotguns, took fire. I heard one man talk about how "He (Clinton) has lost gay support in 96!"

Well, this is what I think; Bill Clinton said, "I believe patriotic Americans should have the right to serve their country as a member of the armed forces with out regard to sexual or affectional orientation."

Clinton did not bring the issue of the military ban up, members of congress did. Here is a man who got elected by promising to save the economy, and the first thing we do is jump on him about gay rights? So, he backs off. He allows there to be discussion, and gets a feel for what the country is ready for. He finds out that the full lift of the ban in one sweep would not only shock the military leaders into chaos, but Sam Nunn and the like would snap back and turn it to law.

I am not saying that "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" makes me happy, but I don't blame Clinton for it. We live in a democracy.

There is one thing I have yet to hear anyone say about "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" In all the battles going on in the courts regarding discharges of lesbians, gays, and bisexuals in the military, one thing is always said, "They LIED to get in! They have no integrity!"

The bottom line is this: We have a President who feels that we are a viable group of people who deserve our rights. That is more than we had before, and I see no potential candidates out there who will do it again.

Sincerely,
Andross

Snow White Champagne Ball

Dear Guests,

I have been putting on the Snow White Champagne Ball for Women during the Holidays every December for the past 17 years. We have done it because we enjoy doing it and it also helps raise money for MGW Newspaper.

This year, 1993, and only this year, I'm going to skip it. I just need a break! And this way Lynne and I and my family can have a real Holiday - with time to go shopping!

I know the Ball is very important to many women, and for some it's the actual evening of their anniversary because they met at past balls. So this year you can be creative and have an intimate evening with each other, instead of sharing it with 500 other women!

Next Year's ball will still be in the Lincoln Plaza Atrium - which is being remodeled - bigger dance floor, more glass, promising to be much more classy!

Thank you for understanding. Tell your friends. Send your new address, and all your friend's address changes to me so I can keep the mailing list up-to-date.

And watch for your special invitation in 1994!

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Snow White Champagne Ball Schedule for upcoming years.

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Russia displays AIDS Quilt

Photo by Rink
Pavel Masalasky and Kevin Gardner with the Russian Quilt, displayed at the S.F. City AIDS office.

The Russian AIDS Memorial Quilt, consisting of five cloth panels with the names of several Russians who have died of AIDS, was displayed earlier in the year in New York and San Francisco, among other U.S. cities.

Russian-born gay-rights activist Pavel Masalasky of the Russian NAMES Project sought to bring international attention to the plight of Russia's gay men and lesbians through the quilt's display. Masalasky's mission was to expose how gays have been subjected to the restraints of Article 121 (a recently overturned Stalin-era law forbidding consensual homosexual acts which were punishable by a prison term) and the toll of AIDS on a population whose government has previously denied the existence of HIV/AIDS and gays and lesbians altogether, and is only begrudgingly doing so today.▼

Laird endorsed for Assembly

John Laird, openly gay candidate for the 27th Assembly District, has picked up endorsements from the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, the Lesbian and Gay Caucus of the California Democratic Party, the Bay Area Municipal Elections Committee, and the non-Partisan Alliance.

Laird is running in the 27th Assembly District, which encompasses Santa Cruz County and the Monterey Peninsula. The seat was vacated on June 8 when former Assembly Member Sam Farr was elected to fill the Congressional seat left open by the Presidential appointment of Leon Panetta as Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

In an endorsement letter being sent statewide, San Francisco Supervisor Carol Migden, Boston City Councilmember David Scondras, Wisconsin State Assembly Member Tammy Baldwin, Minnesota State Representative Karen Clark, former San Mateo County Supervisor Tom Nolan, and Friend of Bill David Mixner have signed on to support Laird.

Laird has also received the endorsement of CAP/PAC, the first time this lesbian and gay political action committee has ever endorsed a candidate outside of Sacramento.

Laird is not runninq simply as "the gay candidate." He intends to prove that lesbian and gay people can be competent leaders on a state level, and that they can focus on issues other than gay rights. His campaign will focus on three main issues: opposition to the school voucher initiative, support for local government's right to ban smoking in public places, and the requirement of a biannual review of every major state expenditure.

The primary election will be held on August 31, and if no one candidate receives 50% of the vote a runoff election will be held on November 2.

Contributions and volunteer assistance can be given to the Friends of John Laird, 1214 King St, Santa Cruz, 95060 or campaign headquarters, 610 Soquel Ave., Santa Cruz, 408-454-9244.▼

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Commentary:

Bound, but not gagged

Dear Editor,

I believe the enclosed letter is self explanatory. The issues it raises are not indigenous to this specific organization, but all of our clubs and organizations need to be awakened to the power words command.

Sincerely,
Brian D. Stewert

Dear Sacramento Leather Association:

Juliet, "Tis but thy name that is my enemy."

Year of the queer must not only empower us, but push us to question established schools of gay thought and S&M terminology. Our progress must be wary of flip decisions modeled from heterosexual ideas and goals. You need to think.

I address the first annual Dyke Daddy Contest held at the Wreck Room, Saturday 6/19. I embrace both contestants, the S.L.A., and all the supporters for this brave step toward equalizing our male dominated titleholding world. Where would kings be without queens. Or, us queens without our kings. Ah! And so, there lies the rub - engendered words.

Gender words denote specific sexuality: it, mistress, daddy, etc. Now, a lesbian S&M dominator calls herself "daddy" and combine that with S&M practices to a "woman", is this not continuing to shackle females into repression? This title enforces brutality of woman by men and completely masks the love, trust, and affection deeply rooted in S&M. The spanking error lies in the word "daddy". Change it!

Strength and power are characteristics and should not be identified as male only. Look at the intent of what we really want to say and not rely on cliche heterosexual terminology. Create new identities and terms that respect the mutual love involved. An issue this sensitive demands to be addressed carefully.

I have tried to build some positive and reinforcing ideas for a title. These are not polished final products but sounding boards to a better title:

Madame of Chastity Contest - Not very zippy, but, Madame denotes an empowered ruling female figure. Chastity is used for its double meaning as both a woman's name who belong to another woman and as that medieval torture device used to tear lustful body parts to bits.

Steel Sister Contest - Here, the word steel evokes power and the cold cutting edge of weapons. Steel has a sinister sound and is associated with dominance. The word sister seems fairly self explanatory.

Are these ideas absurd? I challenge you then to pursue better more appropriate words for the title. Words that clearly define the image we want sent out to the world. Let us get out of heterosexual name labeling and define ourselves clearly for what beautiful and individual human beings we truly are.

Your bound and not so gagged supporter,
Brian Siewert

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Square dancers hold reunion

Capital City Squares would like to locate and invite all current and former members of the club (and their friends) to join them in celebrating 12 years of gay and lesbian square dancing in Sacramento.

Capital City Squares (CCS) was founded in August 1981, and has danced at several different locations during its history, including The Parking Lot and The Power Plant. More recently the club has danced within the the Sacramento Unified School District and currently meets at Jefferson School in South Natomas. During the summer months CCS has danced at the Lambda Community Center as well as at the new country/western dance club, The Silver Spur.

The CCS anniversary party and reunion will be held in the air-conditioned Social Hall of the Temple B'nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Blvd., near Land Park on Saturday, August 28.

The theme for the reunion centers around pearls, in keeping with the anniversary tradition. Dancers and guests are encouraged to dress accordingly.

The evening will begin at 6:30pm with a no-host social hour accompanied by a catered Italian buffet dinner. Following dinner, square dancing will be the evening's main event. Squares will be called by Bill Eyler of Albuquerque, New Mexico, from 8-10:30 pm. Bill is a well known caller throughout the 40 plus clubs of the IAGSDC (International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs: A Lesbian & Gay Association) of which Capital City Squares is a founding member. Dancers are also expected from neighboring clubs in San Francisco, Concord, and Palo Alto. For long time members who may not currently dance, a special refresher dance tip will be offered.

On display the entire evening will be a memory table. This will feature many items, including pictures and fliers, from the past 12 years. The group also would encourage members to bring and share any items they may have in their personal collections. All in attendance are asked to wear their club name badges,

Capital City Squares' past president, George Fox, is presiding over a committee to make a quilt panel for the upcoming display of the NAMES Project Quilt in Sacramento in late September. This panel will be unveiled the night of the anniversary/reunion party. To date, the CCS organization is known to have lost 18 members to AIDS.

Event chairman James Ozanich asks that all former members contact the club with their current address. Those interested in attending the event will be sent a flier detailing the evening's activities. Dinner reservations must be received in advance for the catering count. Capital City Squares, Box 19986, Sac., 95816. James Ozanich, 925-4242, George Fox, 929-8697.▼

Queer directory goes online

UBBS, an online information service dedicated to the lesbian, gay and bisexual communities, announced the addition of The Queer Resources Directory to their collection of information systems.

The QRD actually resides on computers at Carnegie Mellon and Rennsleier Polytech Universities. Access to the directory is via Internet, a worldwide network of colleges, universities, government agencies and research organizations.

To access UBBS, call 908-262-9666 with any communications program and a modem. Info: Fax, 908-262-9659.▼

Orchid Packard on display

A stunning 1930 Orchid Packard is on loan to the National Automobile Museum in Reno, Nevada at 10 Lake Street South and will be on display in Gallery 3 through September 10.

The Orchid Packard Phaeton came to the museum following the Silverado Concours d'Elegance in California. It is owned by Jim Condon of British Columbia, Canada.

The color scheme on this particular car was inspired by the orchid, true to the original Packard colors, finished with stamen yellow striping.▼

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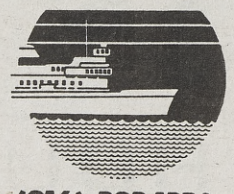
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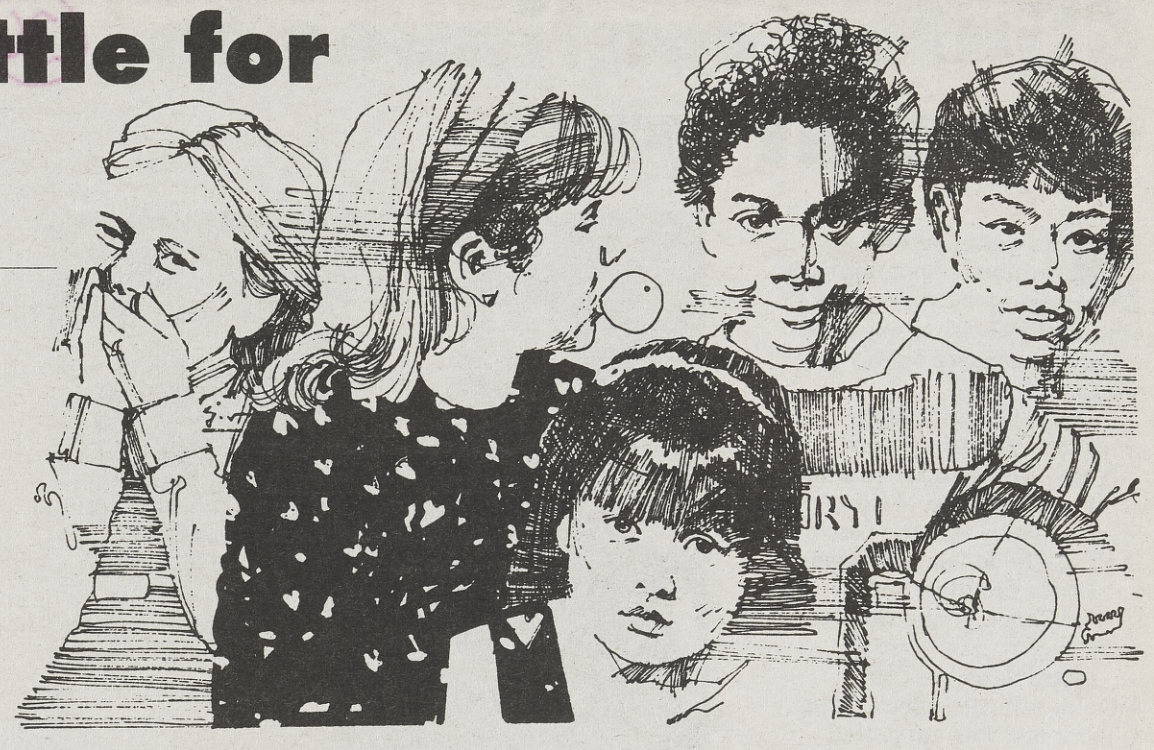

by Nancy Flagg
MGW/Staff

Six-year-old Thomas, with a missing tooth and a big grin, tried his best to sit quietly while his mother Devrin and her partner, Beverly, described their custody battle with the boy's father. Thomas fidgeted in his seat and entertained himself with a penny as the story unfolded.

Devrin and her husband were divorced in 1989, with unrestricted visitation rights for the father. In 1990, the Air Force called Devrin to Luke Air Force Base in Arizona to prepare for the Desert Shield Operation, leaving her with only two weeks to make arrangements for Thomas.

In a court hearing the father was awarded joint custody and he and Thomas moved to Nebraska while Devrin awaited possible deployment to the Gulf. The arrangement was moderately satisfactory until 1991 when the great-grandmother who lived with Thomas and his father died.

Devrin alleges that after the great-grandmother's death, Thomas began to complain about his father "touching his private parts" and that she and Beverly noticed what appeared to be cigarette burns on his body as well as scratches and bruises.

Concern for Thomas' welfare began a long struggle to enforce visitation rights and to regain full custody of Thomas for Devrin and Beverly. They became mired in a bureacratic swamp when they tried to determine the state with the proper jurisdiction to help protect their son and to hear their case.

With Beverly and Devrin living in Sacramento, the divorce decree filing in Arizona and the boy's father residing in Nebraska, it took nearly nine months to establish Nebraska as the appropriate field for battle.

Since then, there have been many skirmishes as they claim the father tries to reduce visitation time while Devrin fights to retain visitation rights and to regain full custody.

Nebraska is a tough place for hearing the case. According to Beverly, a 1980 Nebraska law doesn't allow sexual orientation to be considered in cases but the law has never been tested in court. In California, there is court precedence and certainly more support for this type of situation.

In mid-September 1993, the Nebraska court will hear Devrin's side of the story and make the custody decision.

The case has been emotionally and financially consuming. Devrin's and Beverly's visits with Thomas seem short and the legal hassles long. The costs of plane fare, car travel, Nebraska-ordered home study, legal fees and counselors have them financially strapped but Beverly says, they have been lucky so far. Every time they are down to their last penny, "something will happen" to help them, such as getting a pre-approved credit card in the mail.

Local groups have been supportive, notably the Sacramento Lesbians Creating Change (SLCC), who will be sponsoring a raffle at the Rainbow Festival to raise funds for the couple's cause. Beverly and Devrin have friends armed with buckets and sponges for a fund-raising car wash but a location has not yet been found.

Their battle has highlighted the need for greater awareness of gay and lesbian child custody issues.

Beverly noted that government funding has "dried up for gay issues, except for AIDS." She wants to see housing, custody and other topics tackled and she would like to offer a forum on custody issues. She warns that even in areas where California law offers some protection, if a person has ties to other states, the "fingers reach far", meaning that the laws of the other states may take precedence.

Throughout our interview, Thomas has been remarkably patient but it's clear that he is getting tired. He shifts in his chair, flips his penny to the ground and chases after it. He returns to Nebraska on August 7 and will wait for the court hearing to decide his fate. Maybe the penny will bring him good luck.

If you would like to contact Devrin Wimberly and Beverly Ritter to provide financial or other support in their child custody case, they can be reached at 381-3275.▼

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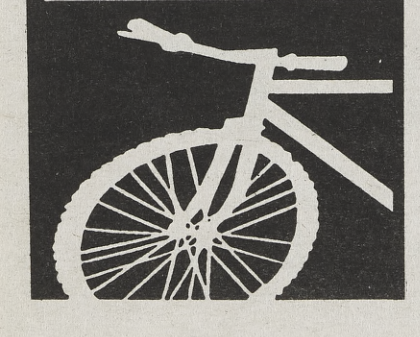

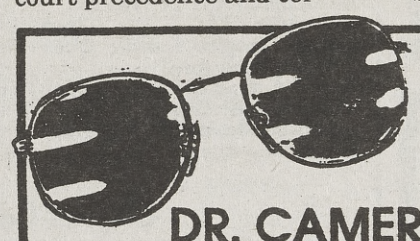

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Clinton continues to appoint gays

President Clinton continues his commitment for a diverse administration in his appointment of four more openly gay officials.

David Cruise was appointed as the Director of Intergovernmental Relations at the Department of Commerce. Cruise was the Chief of Staff to Rhode Island's Governor Bruce Sundlun and a former Rhode Island State Senator.

David Tseng, a Los Angeles attorney specializing in labor law was appointed Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Labor for the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.

Patrick Nolen, a native of New Hampshire and an aide at the White House was named as the Special International Trade Administration.

David Martin, a native of Louisiana and also an aide at the White House was named as the Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs.

"President Clinton's quest for diversity in government continues to be demonstrated in his appointments of self-acknowledged gay men and lesbians," states Andrew E. Barrer, Director of Coalition '93, the gay and lesbian community's Presidential Transition Project. "Our community has suffered some recent defeats this year, but the political appointment process continues to be our shining star."

Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

President Clinton at the N.E.A. Conference in S.F. last month.

These appointments join eight other gay men and lesbians including Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing Roberta Achtenberg, Deputy General Counsel at HHS Nan Hunter and Romulo "Romy" Diaz, Jr. as Deputy Assistant Secretary at Energy.

Coalition '93 is a broad based organization representing the largest and most diverse association of gay and lesbian groups including: Human Rights Campaign Fund, Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.▼

Concord hate crime suit filed

A Concord man and his attorney are the first to file a hate crimes civil lawsuit since the U.S. Supreme court ruled such laws constitutional last week.

Robert Ross and lawyer Paul Wotman are seeking more than $1 million in damages under state and local hate crime laws for an attack that occurred at Ross' Concord home last Memorial Day.

According to the 14-page lawsuit Gilbert Lucero, the son-in-law of a Ross neighbor, sprayed Ross in the eyes and upper body with Mace at least twice on May 30. Then Ross retreated inside, while his attacker brandished a golf club and swore, using epithets relating to Ross' sexual orientation.

Lucero was arrested after the incident, and charges are pending.

Ross is seeking $25,000 in damages under the California Hate Crimes Statute. The statute penalizes for a hate crime committed against someone because of sexual orientation. Concord has a similar ordinance.▼

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Agricultural Adv Com.	Open Filing		1 resident
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Children's Commission	Open Filing		9 members
City/County Solid Waste	9/27	10/8	2members
Cosumnes Area Commu. Planning Adv Council	Open Filing		1 resident
County Recycling	9/27	10/8	3 members
Service Area #4B	Open Filing		1 resident
Service Area #4C-Delta	Open Filing		1 resident
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Florin-Elder Creek Cemetery District	8/23	9/3	1 resident
Human Rights/Fair Housing Comission	9/27	10/8	7 members
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North Highlands/Foothill Farms CPAC	Open Filing		5 residents
Mental Health Board	Open Filing		4 members
Metropolitan Arts Comm		8/20	1 member
South Area CPAC	Open Filing		2 residents
Sunrise Douglas Specific Plan Citizens Adv	Open Filing		12 representatives
Vineyard Area Cmmnty Planning Adv Council	Open Filing		3 residents
County Sanitation District Sewer Rate Adv Brd	8/30	9/10	5 members

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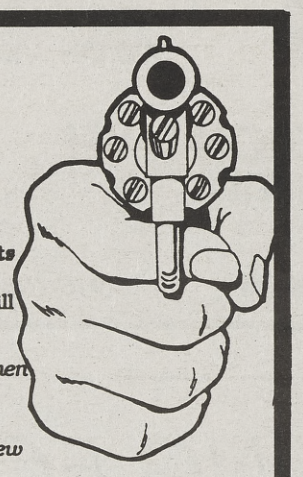
August 23-29, 1993

Operation Cease Fire
Gun Amnesty Program



For the first 100 guns turned in, a gun receipt may be exchanged for 2 tickets to a *Sacramento Kings* basketball game or 2 tickets to a *Sacramento Knights* soccer game at ARCO Arena. Limit 4 tickets per person. Other basketball items will also be given away.

The odds that potentially suicidal teenagers will kill themselves increase 75 fold when a gun is kept in the home --- Washington Post

Handguns purchased for home protection are 43 times more likely to kill the owner, family members or friend of the family than they are to be fired in self defense --- New England Journal of Medicine

Every year hundreds of guns legally purchased for home protection are stolen in home burglaries and used in robberies, rapes and other criminal activities --- Sacramento Police Chief Arturo Venegas

If you have a gun and no longer want to keep it, turn it in to the Sacramento Police Department.

Here's how the program works:

- Unload the gun.
- Put the gun in a bag or a box (***don't walk into a police facility with a gun in your hand***). If you need information about how to unload the gun, how to transport it, or how to package it call the Police Department at 264-5471.
- Take the gun to one of the following locations:
  - ☆ Joseph E. Rooney Police Facility - 5303 Franklin Boulevard (near Fruitridge)
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  - ☆ Sacramento Police Hall of Justice Public Counter - 813 Sixth Street (near H St.)
  - ☆ Any Police Officer can accept weapons and issue a receipt.
- You may turn in a gun without identifying yourself (you will not receive a receipt).
- If you want a receipt, you will be asked to show identification and complete a short questionnaire about the gun.

As part of the Gun Amnesty Program the Sacramento Police will not cite or question people who bring in altered or illegal weapons (it is illegal to possess these weapons). Police will investigate any weapon found to have been used in a crime. If there is a theft report on the weapon, Police will attempt to return the weapon to the rightful owner. The Gun Amnesty program is being highlighted during Operation Cease Fire August 23 - 29, 1993, but the program will continue indefinitely.

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Kramer claims politics block AIDS cure

Scientists have failed to discover a cure for AIDS because of the conspiracy of incompetence among America's political and health leaders, according to playwright and AIDS activist Larry Kramer. In the September issue of *Playboy* magazine Kramer, whose hit play *The Normal Heart* is being made into a film by Barbra Streisand, vilifies a wide range of AIDS culprits, notably former Presidents Reagan and Bush.

"I consider George Bush and Ronald Reagan's actions to be conscious and premeditated," Kramer says, "With regard to AIDS, they were equivalent to Hitler's actions with the Jews. These people saw AIDS as a useful way to get rid of a lot of people other people didn't want. We have been allowed to die and are being allowed to die.

"We're still uncertain how [HIV] creates disease," Kramer adds. "The unanswered questions have been there since the virus was discovered, and they're unanswered simply because the bureaucracy has refused to address them. What is clear is that this is a curable thing. So why isn't there a cure? The National Institutes of Health . . . gets $8 billion a year to look after our health, and yet it is doing a shitty, grotesque, appallingly bad job. And it's becoming more second-rate every day."

Kramer is particularly angered by what he calls the hypocrisy of Ronald and Nancy Reagan's once-wild Hollywood lifestyle, and their subsequent willingness to ignore sexual issues while in the White House.

"Indeed, as a rising young beefcake star, Ronnie knew what he was getting when he married her," says Kramer. "That these two people should have wound up the president and first lady of this country is one of the great farces in history."

Kramer is bipartisan in his criticism, pulling no fewer punches in his evaluation of the current Democratic administration, including President Bill Clinton, Health and Human Services secretary Donna Shalala and national AIDS policy coordinator Kristine Gebbie.

"I think Clinton goes from bad to worse," says Kramer. "All the things he's tried to do have been so splintered that he'll spend most of his term doing damage control. I am completely and utterly without hope in terms of what he'll do for AIDS and for my people.

"Donna Do-Nothing?" he adds of Shalala. "She is shaping up to be an enormously ambitious, territorial person with personality traits bordering on those of a viper. That's why it's been so hard to find a person to supervise AIDS activities: Nobody of any stature wanted to work with her. [And] I'm sure [Gebbie is] a very nice lady, but nice is the last thing this job needs. A Stormin' Norman is what we need, and that's not going to be her.

In 1981 Kramer co-founded Gay Men's Health Crisis, currently the nation's largest AIDS service agency. Within a few years, however, GMHC severed ties with Kramer and in 1987 he founded the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (Act Up), a group that quickly became notorious for such public displays as kiss-ins, die-ins and political funerals.

"I may be very proud to be a gay person, but I'm not proud of my community," says Kramer. "We have been so meek, recalcitrant and useless in fighting this battle. When you are facing death, as so many of us are, you don't just walk so willingly into the gas chamber.

"By that benign neglect, 41 cases have become a billion cases," he adds. "Dr. William Haseltine, one of the most prominent AIDS doctors in America, now estimates 1 billion cases worldwide by 2025. Frankly, I use the highest figure I can because it scares the shit out of people and helps my argument."

Although Kramer's 1977 novel, *Faggots,* established his literary reputation, the book was not welcomed by many gay New Yorkers because it condemned sexual promiscuity.

"[W]hatever benefits the sexual revolution brought, it also brought AIDS," says Kramer. "The road was taken for the most logical and, perhaps, virtuous reasons. But in the end it proved to be the wrong road.

"Look, I know how prudish I sound in all of this," he adds. "The body should be able to do what it wants to do and enjoy what it wants to enjoy. But it would appear that mother nature doesn't allow that."

Regarding the new "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy involving gays in the military, Kramer is blunt.

"[The] compromise sucks," he says. "It has everything to do with appeasement and nothing to do with human rights or antidiscrimination. . . I think [gays] must have rocks in their heads to want to be in the military, but I will fight for them."▼

First AIDS Policy Coordinator Kristine M. Gebbie listens to Health and Human Services Secretary Donna E. Shalala at a breakfast in Washington, D.C., for the National Commission on AIDS. Gebbie, former secretary of Washington state's Department of Health and member of the Presidential Commission on AIDS during 1987 - 1988, was appointed by President Clinton to coordinate AIDS policy.

LaVoie honored

Richard LaVoie, a tireless warrior in the battle to preserve the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium, was honored by the California Preservation Foundation at its annual convention in Long Beach in June.

Commended for "outstanding achievement in the field of historic preservation", LaVoie was given the President's Award which, this year, was awarded for "citizen initiative and organizational skill in preserving a major historic building".

The CPF, in a letter accompanying the award, claimed that the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium, which has alternately been proposed by the city of Sacramento as additional space for city offices or as a fixed seat theater, "ranks as the city's most significant indoor gathering place."

LaVoie, who earlier formed and led the group Save The Auditorium (STA), "recruited a small army of tireless workers...." the letter said, including "a nucleus of members of the Sacramento Old City Association (SOCA), a sitting city councilmember, a past county supervisor and members of the veterans' community."

LaVoie was successful, with strong funding from SOCA, in passing an initiative that may ultimately preserve the auditorium as a multi-use facility without alteration to the existing facades.

In addition to LaVoie, STA and SOCA, the CPF also honored the Measure H campaign organization.▼

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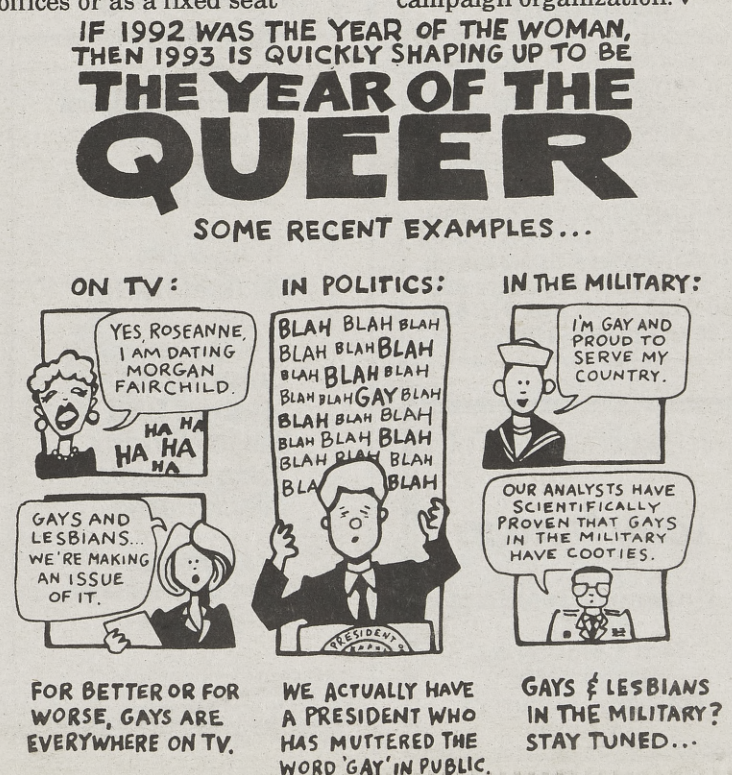
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HIV/AIDS Update

By Sonya Cox
AIDS/HIV Editor

Compassionate release denied...

A 28-year-old man with AIDS, serving a prison sentence in Vacaville for burglary, was denied early release by a Monterey County Superior Court Judge, despite a year-long plea from the man's mother and a last-minute request from the Director of the Department of Corrections to let him spend his final days at home. The judge rejected the request because he said he was concerned that the man would commit another crime after his release. The young man died the same day as the judge's decision.

Fighting for us all...

● The New York City Human Rights Commission announced that a NYC dentist has been ordered to pay $7,500 to the estate of a man with AIDS whom the dentist refused to treat in 1988. Additionally, the dentist will have to file reports with local law enforcement officials for the next two years concerning every patient he refuses to treat. Lambda Fund attorneys said the decision comes too late for the man he refused to treat, but sets a precedent for other New Yorkers who unlawrully and unethically are denied needed care by a doctor or dentist.

● The recent decision by the Social Security Administration to extend benefits to HIV-positive people who must quit work after contributing to the system is in part thanks to a class-action suit filed by a Philadephia man. The man, an electrician, filed the suit in June 1991 after SSA denied him benefits, saying his HIV infection appeared to be "controlled." After two more applications for benefits, an appeal, 15 months, and finally a lawsuit, the man won his benefits (plus the retro-active amount he would have received since the time of his first application). His attorneys then pursued the suit on behalf of about 1,000 HIV-positive people in three other eastern states. As a result, the SSA released last month new guidelines to make it easier for HIV-positive people to qualify for Social Security disability payments, and extend coverage to include other specific AIDS illnesses.

Passing the marriage test...

An Anglican church vicar in Nairobi, Kenya, says he's figured out how to curtail the AIDS epidemic running rampant in that country — require medical certificates from couples who want to marry to prove they're negative for HIV, and not allow people with the virus to marry. The certificates, he says, would also discourage sex outside of wedlock. He was not able to explain how the certificates will guarantee fidelity after marriage, and he did not indicate if his proposal will become new policy for the Anglican Church, one of Kenya's largest.

Combination drugs fight TB...

Dow, a top producer of anti-tuberculosis drugs, has filed an application with the Government to test a new drug, Rifater, which is a combination of the most commonly used anti-TB drugs — rifampin, isoniazid, and pyrazinamide. Standard treatment for TB requires a complicated process of using various combinations of the three drugs for at least a year (although it's often best for people with HIV to continue using them for the duration of their disease). The new drug, a pill taken once a day, would greatly simplify the treatment process. It would also help fight spread of the disease since most people stop the complex regimen before the year is over because they feel better, not realizing they may still be infectious or easily prone to a recurring bout with the disease.

The Rose Garden...

McKinley Park's Rose Garden is a special place with over 1,000 rose bushes and rose trees, many dedicated to the memory of loved ones lost. Rose bushes, benches, and trees can be dedicated. A small plaque containing a personal inscription is included in the price. For information, call Gifts to Share at 264-5535.

The toll...

As of this month, Sacramento has lost 780 people to AIDS (out of 1,360 cases). California has lost 38,000 (out of 60,000 cases). And nearly 200,000 Americans (of nearly 300,000 cases) have been lost to AIDS. The advent of effective treatments and preventatives has pushed more and more of those now living with AIDS into the category of "long-term survivors" — some who have maintained fairly strong T-cell counts as long as 14 years after infection, and many with few to zero T-cells who continue to respond well to treatments for the infections they encounter. Hang in there!▼

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Required Reading

The most comprehensive source of information on approved and experimental treatments for HIV infection and related disorders. Subscription rates are $55 for individuals ($77 outside the U.S.) and $125 for Physicians/Institutions ($150 outside the U.S.). To order, call (800) 39-AmFAR.

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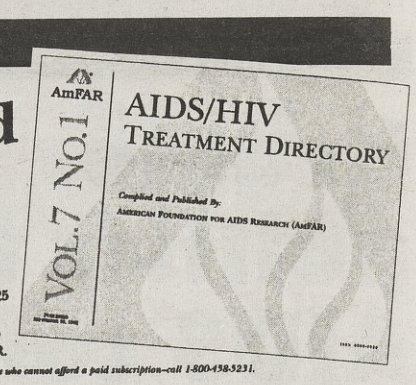

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Gone, but not Forgotten ...

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Sacramento AIDS Foundation,
920 20th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

ABC to air "In a New Light `93"

The ABC Television Network (locally KOVR 13) will devote two hours of prime-time programming to a second annual entertainment and informational special focusing on AIDS, "In A New Light `93," scheduled to air Saturday, September 4 from 8pm to 10pm.

Hosted by Arsenio Hall, the special will feature individuals from the fields of film, television, theatre, music and sports.

Musical performers will include Patti Austin, Pat Benatar, Clint Black, Garth Brooks, Michael Callen, Melissa Etheridge, Expose, Elton John, Barry Manilow and Silk.

Elizabeth Taylor will be joined on the show by Angela Bassett, Dr. Joyce Brothers, Cindy Crawford, George Foreman, Hulk Hogan, Kate Jackson, Angela Lansbury, Joey Lawrence, Judith Light, Chad Lowe, Rosie Perez, Luke Perry, Sally Jesse Raphael, Geraldo Rivera, Holly Robinson, Ally Sheedy, John Stamos, Abigail Van Buren and Ben Vereen, among others.

Lily Tomlin will re-create her character Ernestine, this time transformed as an AIDS Hotline operator with a unique spin on people's dating behaviors.▼

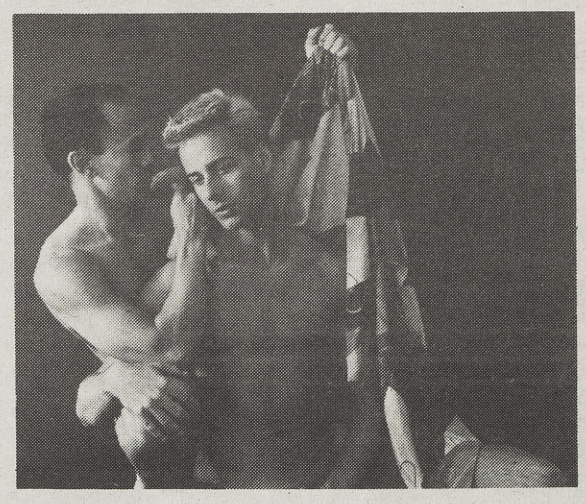
Premiere to benefit CARES

A reception for and a special screening of the movie *And the Band Played On*, based on Randy Shilts' landmark book, will benefit the Center for AIDS Research, Education and Services (CARES) on Wednesday, September 8. The reception, from 5:30 to 7:30pm will be at the Central Library Galleria. The movie will begin at 7:30pm at the Crest Theater. Tickets to the fundraiser are $25 and can be purchased from CARES (Michelle, 443-3299) and the Commerce Security Bank (Rosalie, 922-9500).

"Like the book, this is a very important movie, and CARES is very pleased to be a part of this collaboration between the entertainment industry and the people who have been affected by AIDS," said Sue Strong, executive director of CARES.

The Sacramento screening of *And the Band Played On* is a joint effort between the California Cable Television Association, Sacramento Cable and HBO, which produced the movie starring Matthew Modine, Ian McKellen, Richard Gere, Lily Tomlin and many others.▼

Slip into a *Kimono*.



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We are news...

By John Batchelor
MGW/Staff

We Are News, local and national media can always count on the gay and lesbian community to boost their ratings. The **Sacramento Bee** featured a story, complete with a color graph, on the percentage of gay couples in Sacramento county. Partners **Denise Hernandez** and **Lauren Liets** were pictured in the story at their home in "Fuchsia Flats" (South Natomas). In another story **Mary** and **Andra Northup** of Davis were featured in a piece about child custody. The two had a child by artificial insemination. And even the **Suttertown News** did yet another story entitled "Sin Street." The story dealt with a trouble spot in the midtown area ▼ The old Firehouse No. 3 that houses the **New Helvetia** cafe is celebrating its 100th birthday this month. **Marrie Morris** and **Jane Senior** who own and operate New Helvetia will exhibit artistic interpretations on the firehouse and coffeehouse through the end of the month ▼ **Dennis Mangers** is up to it again. Plan to attend a special screening of ***And the Band Played On*** at the Crest Theatre on September 8. This is a world premiere and it is jointly sponsored by Sacramento Cable and the California Cable Television Association. The sponsors have assured that **all** funds raised will benefit the **Center for AIDS Research, Education and Services** (CARES) ▼ One man who makes use of his pool is **Mike Kelly.** At a recent gathering with a Hawaiian theme, guest and co-host Mike O'Neil donned a grass skirt and bikini. The floral bathing suit featured a top and bottom with accessories and balloons to spare. When supplies ran low, O'Neil ran to **Safeway** in full regalia. It's rumored that Mike got carried away in the produce section. Supposedly he performed a hula to the delight of fellow customers. The store is starting a petition to bring him back. The next HIV+ pool party is August 28 ▼ **Charles (Chuck) Miller** of the **Himovitz Art Gallery** has been going through Facial Copper Laser Surgery for broken blood vessels. Ouch!! **Chuck**, good luck with the future treatments!! You're so brave! ▼ Happy Anniversary to **Ed Condon** and **Norman Lorenz** on eleven notorious years. We also welcome Norman back from school in San Diego. (Not the worst place to be marooned.) When it comes to personal self-improvement, these two can write a book. Many congrats ▼ Happy August Birthdays to the Gifted Gardener's **David Kwong,** Mr. Obscurity **Dan Palomino**, Mr. Bliss, **Joe Concannon, Charlie Peer, Yole' Ortiz, Lu Hoge, Frannie Burton, Larry Hoover, Lou Camera** ▼ The **Rockin Ice** benefit for the Sacramento AIDS Fountation (SAF) was a great success. Please see my story elsewhere in this issue ▼ As is the case all too often in our community, **Michael Donahue** left us this spring. As is also the case during these transistions, long-time friend and housemate of six years **Dana McKee** planned a beautiful May Day life celebration. Since Michael was part of the Paragary Restaurant "family," manager **Steve Chang** and many co-workers were present. **Irene Donahue** shared many stories about her son. **Michael Kettman** and **John Fernald** served up some great enchilades. **Greg O'Neil**, a long-time friend also made the day. **Randy Paragary** donated the wine for the afternoon. Flowers were by **David Bramlett**. Two of the highlights of the afternoon were a poem put to paper from a **Todd Rundgren** song "Healing"

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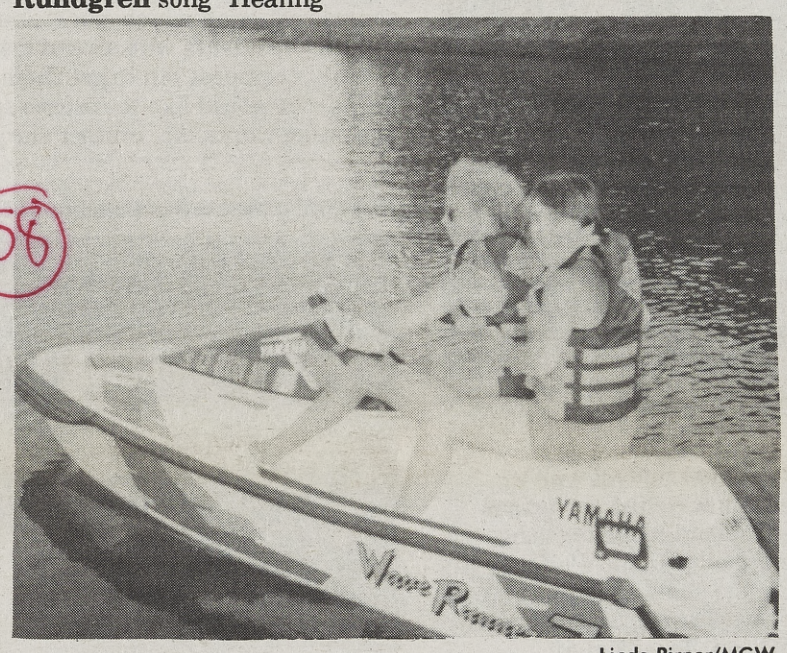
Sports Leisure Travel owner Mark Hoffman hands over a check for a trip to Hawaii to Mike Braswell. The contest was held at the Lambda Freedom Fair at Sports Leisure's booth.



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Cathi Meyers received quite a birthday gift from her sweetie Joan Greenfield, a jet ski! Rosemary Metrailer gets a test ride.

and a video of Michael graduating in bungee jumping with a perfect number 10 swan dive. I'll never forget the time that Michael covered himself with every type of condom package and became "Mr. Condom Man" for Halloween (At the restaurant no less!) ▼ The Castro Country Club proudly presents **All About (st) Eve**, original artwork by **Steven Richard** (Doerr), through September 6 in San Francisco. Steven makes his home in Sacramento. The announcement itself for this showing is also a work of art. When in SF, try to catch this innovative display ▼ The **Sacramento Leather Association** (SLA) is making big time news lately. The **Sacramento News & Review** (SN&R) did a cover story featuring the SLA's recent leather weekend. A man's bare chest with a leather harness and pierced nipple graced the front cover. The publicity generated over this issue was overwhelming. Not all of it positive by any means. However, they stand by the story and their right and freedom to publish about any subject. We commend them on their courage and resolve ▼ Former Sacramentan **Stephen Crow** is embarking on a new business venture called **What a Drag**. The new endeavor features a personalized, in-home source for glamorous wigs, shoes and fashion accessories galore. Don't miss their upcoming catalog. Call 1-800-900-DRAG ▼ **John Laird's** candidacy is catching on in Sacramento, even though Laird is running in Santa Cruz. At two local RCDC events almost $3,000 was raised for the Laird campaign. Seven Sacramentans spent two days recently in Santa Cruz walking precincts. The dedicated local folk were **Gary Miller, Jon Buttle, Karl Greene, Brian Polejes, George Raya, Frank Treadway** and **Barbara Mendenhall.** The Sacramento gang also made it to the one and only gay bar in town, **The Blue Lagoon**. The management reports that the group will not be soon forgotten. See what happens when you let 'em off the farm! ▼ Striving for equal treatment for those in our community, **Parents and Friends of Lesbian and Gays** (P-FLAG) will present the video *Support and Defend* on the role of homosexuals in the military. A discussion will be led by former armed forces personnel. The location is St. Mark's United Methodist Church on August 17 ▼ Another woman making the Sacrcamento Bee news is **Gail Mancarti**. Pictured in the wine section of the **Sacramento Natural Food Co-op**, the focus was on organic wines. Apparently, according to Mancarti, some vineyards are using no chemical pesticides, herbicides or additives. Thanks for doing the research Gail! ▼ **Tom Head** from the **Abreu Art Gallery** defended his freedom of speech in a letter to the Sacramento Bee editor. In this case he's shown his dissatisfaction with attorneys through humor ▼ It's State Fair time! Check the schedule of events and make a point to catch **Ranch Romance**. They will be performing on the entertainment stage. **RCDC** will also have a booth at the fair. And even a gay 4-H group will have livestock entries. You just never know, do you! ▼ **Marlene Turner** of First Interstate bank is back in MGW news again. You may recall mention of the hundreds she raised for the Capitol AIDS Walk. Now she would like local watering holes to bid for a shift of her bartending services. Maybe the Lambda Community Center should negotiate the terms and oversee the bids. Whether Marlene knows how to make a drink remains to be seen. However, she says she's excellent at pouring beer and wine ▼ **Capitol City Squares** celebrates its pearl

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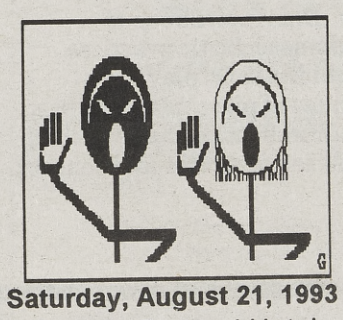

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Sacramento Leather Association

In the *beat* of the night

by Erich Mathias
MGW/Staff

The Sacramento Leather Association (SLA) recently concluded a tied-up, tied-down, bound and gagged Leatherfest weekend, a three-day festival celebrating leather, bondage, discipline and sadomasochism, in July.

The SLA is comprised of a diverse group of individuals from the lesbian, gay, bisexual and heterosexual communities who share a common interest in absolute pleasure, absolute pain and pleasure as pain.

Photo by Martin Casey

Mr. Wreck Room Contest 1993 first runner-up Mark, co-emcee Steve Lesh and the new Mr. Wreck Room Tigger during SLA-hosted Leatherfest.

The SLA claims an official membership of thirty people with many non-members participating in assorted SLA functions: S/M, piercing and "dungeon" parties of, for and by all stripes of the leather aficionado.

Among the festivities for this year's event - appropriately themed *In the Heat of the Night* - was a "Mr. Wreck Room" contest, complete with raffles and prizes, held at the Wreck Room, 2513 Broadway in Sacramento, on July 16.

A merchant's fair, an S/M demonstration and Tough Customer magazine photo contest were held on July 17. A "Leather Fantasy Show" was performed that evening for standing-room-only guests at the Wreck Room.

On July 18, celebrating its fourth anniversary, fifty SLA members and friends gathered for a pool party in Carmichael, complete with "party favors" that included lubricants, dental dams and condoms and a playroom that contained shaving and flogging scenes for those wishing to participate. Others attending enjoyed each other, the pool, Jacuzzi and barbecued food.

The winner of the current "Mr. Wreck Room" contest was Tigger - who bears a tattoo of the A.A. Milne beastie on his hip - whose title carries the responsibility of representing the Wreck Room within the community and competing for the "Mr. Sacramento Valley Leather" title in January of next year. He is reportedly working on several fundraisers.

Judges for the "Mr. Wreck Room" contest included "Mr. Wreck Room" 1992, Dale Starbuck; publisher of the *Leather-Levi Lexicon*, Wally Sherwood; Sacramento Dyke Daddy Shannon Morgan; Wreck Room owner Jim Gawronski; "Mr. Central Valley Leather" title-holder for 1992, Ken Dunkin; and Kelly Burlingham, Ms. Watering Hole 1992.

The merchant's fair and S/M demonstrations provided vendors of whips, floggers, art, body piercing materials, jewelry, books and oils an opportunity to display and sell their wares.

Demonstrations of sadomasochistic practices included safe "play" techniques of piercings, bondage, mummification, hanky codes, safe sex attitudes and sensory deprivation.

The Tough Customer magazine photo contest, co-sponsored by the SLA and Desmodus, was held at Drummer magazine's 1992 Mr. Northern California contest winner Bill Gooch's "Play Space". Photos of participants will appear in Tough Customer.

The "Leather Fantasy Show" saw the transformation of the Wreck Room into a leather dungeon with sixteen-foot stage and arched faux-stone sets.

One-hundred twenty guests watched as various sadomasochistic fantasies were played out. Performers for the show were John Yant, Steve Jaspar, Melvita, Kris, Edison, Tina, Calvin Lindberg, Jr. and Kim Wallace.

Various donations, raffles and gifts brought in nearly $650 to be awarded to the Sacramento AIDS Foundation for its health education and outreach programs. Prize donors included Moment of Touch, The Wreck Room, Genesis Male, CompuSystems, *The Latest Issue* newspaper, Kim Wallace, Calvin Lindberg and Martin Casey. Bill Gooch of Black Leather donated a leather sling and Shannon Morgan of Plain Jane Neon provided a neon sculpture celebrating Rainbow Pride.

The SLA is off on a Leather Weekend at the Russian River in Guerneville until August 15. On August 21 the SLA will host The Ducal Ball, a leather & lace fantasy.

The SLA emphasizes a guiding principle of "safe, sane and consensual leather practices". For info: Box 5789, Sacramento, CA 95817 or (916) 863-3398.▼

Amnesty program trades guns for tickets

Gun violence affects everyone. Did you know the odds that suicidal teenagers will kill themselves increase 75% when there's a gun in the home, or that handguns purchased for home protection are 43 times more likely to kill a family member or guest, or that every year hundreds of guns legally purchased for home protection are stolen in home burglaries and used to commit crimes according to the Sacramento Police Department?

If you have a gun and no longer want to keep it, turn it in to the SPD. For the first 100 guns turned in, a gun receipt may be exchanged for 2 tickets to a Sacramento Kings basketball game or 2 tickets to a Sacramento Knights soccer game at ARCO Arena. Limit 4 tickets per person. Info: 264-5384.▼

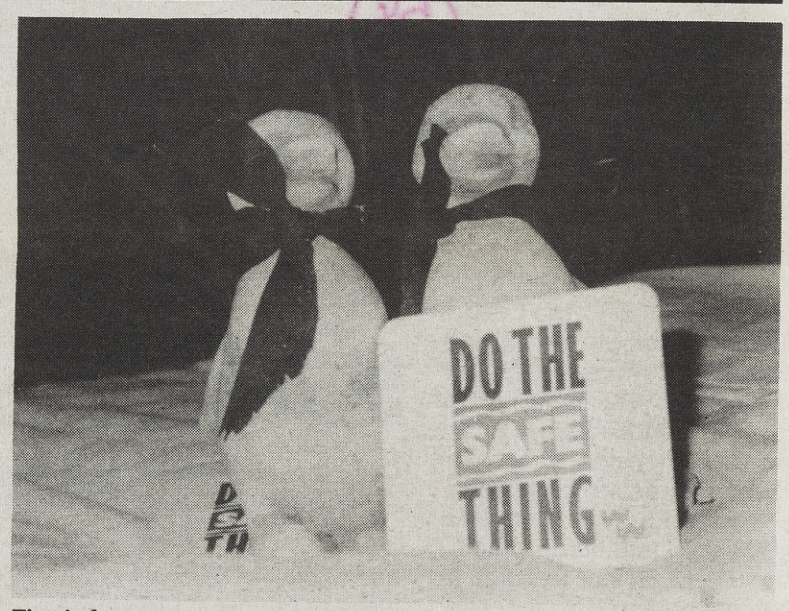
Workplace holiday project helps feed the hungry

If your business, organization or association would like to get involved in a worthwhile holiday project, join the Sacramento Food Bank Services 1993 "Spirit of Giving" Holiday Food Drive to help feed hungry Sacramento families. Planning begins in August, so call now to participate: 452-FOOD.▼

City to provide compost bins

Since 43% of the City's residential waste stream consists of food waste and yard waste, the Sacramento City Solid Waste Division is conducting seminars and workshops for residents on backyard composting. Backyard composting is one method of source reduction which can make an important difference.

City residents who attend a one and a half hour workshop receive a compost bin to get them started. If you live within city limits and would like to reserve space for attendance at an upcoming workshop, contact Gary Van Dorst, 264-7561.▼



The infamous ducks in their motel room during the March on Washington...

Flash

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(12th) anniversary with an Italian buffet dinner and Square Dance. Mark August 28 on your calendar for this memorable evening. It all happens in the air conditioned Congregation B'Nai Israel social hall ▼ The **Lambda Players** had their run of *Company* cut short because of theft and vandalism. **Neil Treganza,** founder of the troupe, also lost some expensive personal eguipment. The players are a tough lot though, and watch for the opening of their next production, *Bent,* in September ▼ If nightlife is what you are looking for, Sacramento has plenty for the taking. **Joseph's Town & Country** (JTC) has something happening every night including Amateur Strip Night on Tuesdays...**The Mirage** made the pages of the Sacramento Bee. They were commended for improving the situation in their neighborhood...**Faces'** Sunday doings continue to pack them in with festivities from day to night. And it is not too early to make plans for the Rainbow Festival on Sunday September 5. Plan to attend or rent a booth...The SMC hosted a "recruitment" (if that's possible) party at the **Town House** recently. The celebration kicked off their new season...The **Silver Spur's** crowds are increasing every night at the new country western dance bar. If you have not been to this new club, make a point to stop by. Dancing is truly the emphasis...The **Wreck Room** is relishing in the afterglow of all their recent media coverage. They are not quite the best kept secret anymore...The **Mercantile Saloon** hosts a friendly crowd on almost any night of the week...The sprawling **Buffalo Club** has a lively crowd catering mostly to the women's community. However, Mr. Flash has felt welcome there, too, from time to time ● Until the next edition, stay informed with **MGW**...John.▼

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Rockin ice

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John Paul Licari - Soloist and organizer for Rockin' Ice.

By John Batchelor
MGW/Staff

What winter sport draws the most fans from a cross section of America? What exhibition is dangerous, thrilling, disciplined and visually beautiful? Where do you find selfless performers to give unlimited hours? And where can you wear a sweater on a Central Valley July day? Ice Dancing!

For three "Rockin Ice" performances on July 31, local troupers and guest artists joined talents. They put together a jam packed showcase to benefit the Sacramento AIDS Foundation.

Perched in special seating on the ice itself, it was a joy to watch the efforts of choreographer Jon Johnson and skater/community activist John Paul "J.P." Licari, and an endless list of volunteers. No longer do you have to wait for the Olympics or a showcase at Arco Arena. Just head to the Iceland Skating Rink.

The hometown show has all the precision and flare you do not expect to see. Excellent routines, incredible costumes, theatrical lighting, fiery hoops and even skates ablaze made the show a hit. You also got the feeling that it was a team effort by one and all. The sheer joy of skating in group, pairs and solo exhibitions was apparent.

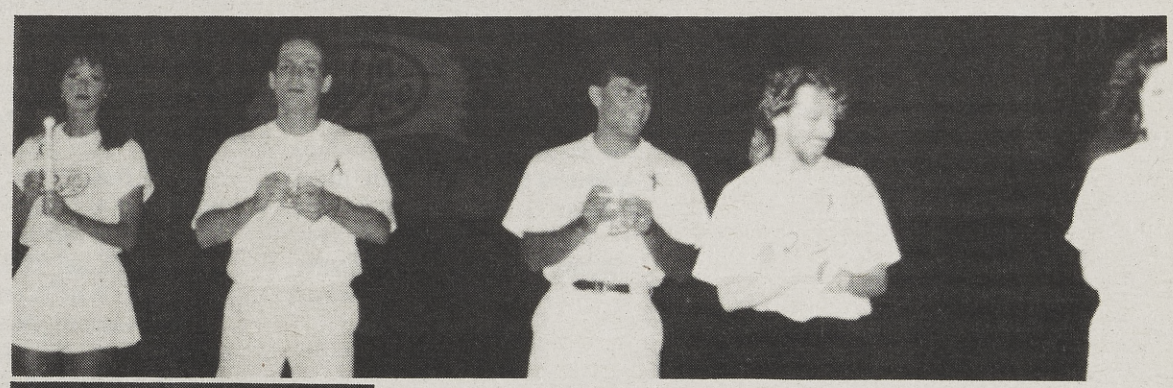
Two time World Professional Champion and Ice Capades' star Robert Wagenhoffer was the major guest artist. An exceptional athlete and artist, Wagenhoffer is known for excitement, daring and spectacular performances. "Rockin Ice" was no exception. The audience was mesmerized by his command of the ice. While Wagenhoffer's costumes were understated, his energy was abundant.

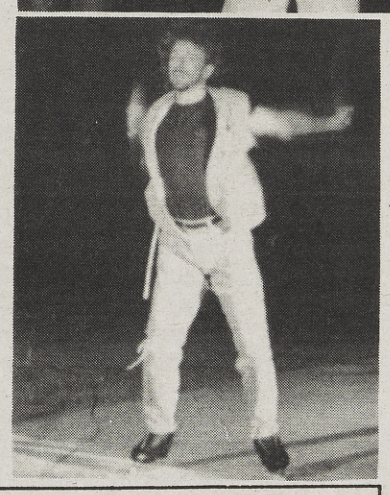
The showmanship of Russell Edwards, Michelle Ray, Kendra Nicholas and Krissy Lindstrom was a privilege to witness. The sheer strength and style of John Mucho was also evident. And when he and Kendra Nicholas were paired, the audience was glued to their every move. Yet they made it look easy. City Councilman Rob Kerth dazzled the crowd with one of the lighter moments in the show. He made his entrance with sparklers on his skates in a darkened auditorium. Kerth leaped tall boxes with a single bound. And he jumped through rotating fire hoops without burning a hair. The "Rockin Ice" ensemble was beautifully adorned with extraordinary costumes donated by Richmond Porter Productions. The dynamic voice of announcer Jerry Centabar kept the show's pace and focus in line.

And that focus was never far away. John Paul Lacari seemed to sum up the entire day with his "We're All in this Together" exhibition. The lyrics, the moves and the conviction were all present.

Watch for a new show next year.▼

Troy Strauss and Bradley Buyse celebrating their two year anniversary at Rockin' Ice. Troy is Assistant ot Development for the Sacramento AIDS Foundation.





Kendra Nicholas, John Mucho, John Paul Licari, and Robert Wagenhoffer.

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Talking with Patty Dismukes of Workshop West Studio

Moonstruck by mannequins

By Erich Mathias
MGW Arts & Entertainment Editor

Workshop West Studio - a meaningless name, even within the confines of banal business jargon - is a talisman for Patty Dismukes' personal treasure box: a Medusan palace filled with inanimate forms...thousands of human sculptures.

Dismukes' statues, however, are not made of stone or bronze but of fiberglass, resin, metal and paint; objects found in the twilight between fine art and industrial craft. Workshop West Studio is her entrepreneurial venture into the world of mannequins...considered the premier mannequin refinishing business.

Strewn across Dismukes' cavernous warehouse are motifs of eroticism, mutilation, beauty, death: rows of armless children hang from ropes; gently poised women stand shoulder to shoulder in thick silence; hundreds of unclothed men stare with forlorn, unchanging eyes...elemental relatives of Michaelangelo's David.

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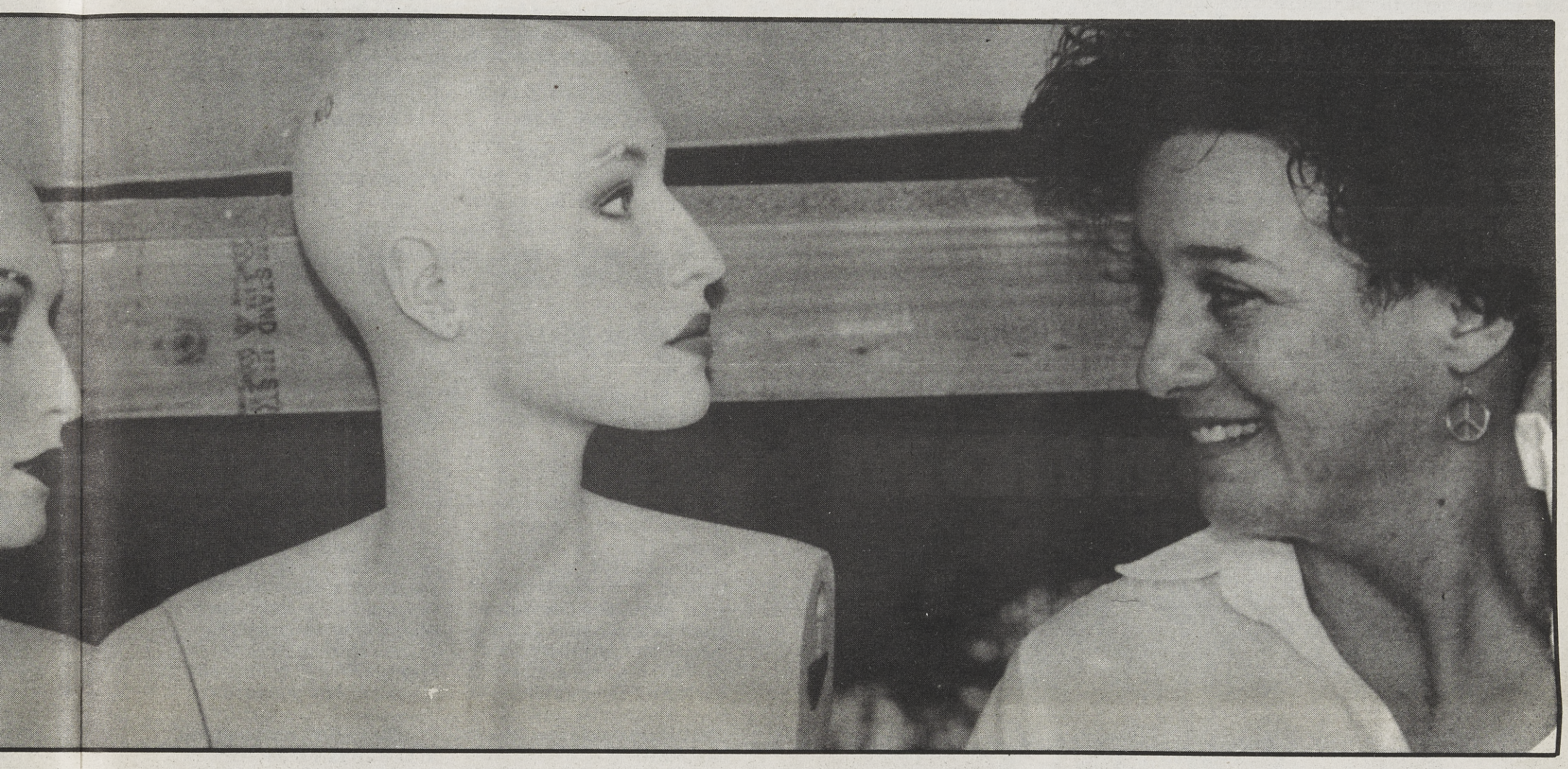

their former "selves," perched again like motionless mimes draped in the latest Jean-Paul Gaultier or Commes de Garcon creations; refurbished and eternally mute.

Repairing and restoring mannequins became a natural extension of Dismukes' talents as an artist. "That's what I like, the art. Someone calls me up looking for something unusual, something that calls on us to be creative, and I get excited," she said.

Dismukes is possessed by a fiercely intellectual smile, accented by resonant eyes that fill her face. She glows with the concern and charm of an artist...an artist who has been able to juggle an astute sense for the ways of business without restraining her ability to create.

Having recently placed a bid on an animated feature film for Disney Studios, Dismukes' level of anxiety has peaked. "Every time the phone rings, I jump about ten feet!" she said. "These are the projects we live for." She and her staff would be responsible for creating nearly a thousand mannequin forms - from scratch - based on three separate matrices specified by Disney.

Raised in bucolic Escalon in San Joaquin County, she moved to Fresno where she attended the state university there. A degree in art assisted Dismukes in landing a position as a display artist for Joseph Magnin's department store, among others. Somewhat later, based on the urging of a friend, she relocated to Sacramento and opened Workshop West Studio in December of 1983.

Ten years later, Dismukes' clientele includes huge national accounts with Saks, I. Magnin's, Macy's and Weinstock's. "I was inspired the first time I saw this place," she said of the studio, "it's rich in texture and sculpture. There's a certain energy here."

Her greatest challenge has been surviving the economic strains of, particularly, the past four years. Dismukes claims a 50% loss in her business because many of her largest customers have filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings. "They gave me stock [certificates] as payment. They let you do that in bankruptcy court. I won't see my money for years...if I see it at all. I survived because of my family."

Dismukes' film work includes mannequins for *Pink Cadillac* with Clint Eastwood and Bernadette Peters. She also provided likenesses of Jason Bateman, C. Thomas Howell and Neil Israel for the film *Sketches*. She created figures of each of the principal characters in *Gone with the Wind* for a museum display and, in 1990, she provided 106 mannequins for a show at the De Young museum in San Francisco. Some of her more unusual work has included a project that required a group of mannequins, each neatly clothed, to be covered in resin and then painted to resemble carved stone. The loss of a friend to AIDS led Dismukes to create one of her most compassionate pieces titled simply "Leaving," a figure of a man standing among gingko leaves.

Today she is exploring all facets of her business and art. "I have this really unique opportunity today. By listening to my customers - by working with them - I'm allowed the creative freedom to put forth something incomparable. This is the last thing I *ever* thought I'd be doing! But...it would be foolish for me to walk away from it now. I'm really lucky. The industry is very gay-friendly. It's been a pleasure to work within my own comfort zone. There isn't even a need to discuss it, there's just a knowingness."

It is enormously difficult to dissociate the mannequins from the actual beings they represent. "There's something disconcerting in having a thousand eyes peering at you," Dismukes said. "There is something absolutely tragic here. It is like Auschwitz. All death and destruction. Mangled, destroyed bodies everywhere. Yet, amazingly, out this I am able create something beautiful. These are really symbols of our lives and deepest eroticism...there is an almost instant provocative element [within them]. It makes what I do not just creative but truly emotional and wonderful."▼

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Pamela Coffey

The work of Eddie Camacho

Big Art with a big heart

Reviewed by Erich Mathias
MGW Arts & Entertainment Editor

Eddie Camacho's Big Art display is perfectly located: it is plastered across the upstairs walls of an "updated" Victorian, housing to the Mercantile, a basement bar below; Duffy's, a dry cleaning business; and Big Hair, a hair salon, with which Big Art shares space. The Lambda Community Center towers over the street beyond and trains roll by with mechanical, clanging regularity.

The corners of L and 20th Streets in downtown Sacramento form a busy crossroad of activity. They explode with people and life and cars at all hours. These corners can be a little bit trashy like the far-flung regions of Santa Monica Boulevard, mixed with the Gare d' Nord, Greenwich Village and the campus at Berkeley.

What is not immediately apparent - what it missing from the streets; from that delicious, reality-bound potion of 20th century life and commerce and transportation - is the raw emotionality, bitterness and humor of art. That is, Eddie Camacho's art, so perfectly located to give sense and sensation to everything that occurs around it.

One could hardly miss the Big Sign screaming out for Big Art and Big Hair at that crossroad. If you have missed it, then someone should drop a Big House on you.

Within Big Art is Camacho's glorious "Who's Stuck Carrying the Cross". This painting is required reading. It is the rosebud to Camacho's flower...and we are only in the paroxysms of his winter. Found here, or in the earthy geometry of his

Artist Eddie Camacho's work will be featured until September 9 at BIG ART, 1928 L Street.

"Trust", are primitive forms with frozen masks and soft flesh that stroke you off and call you terrible names simultaneously. Blasphemous. Miraculous.

Camacho's crude, somber charcol drawings move in cool waves off the walls, in stark contrast to his fiery watercolors. They are black and beautiful...with a smirk. "Shake that Black Ass - Suzanne Sugarbaker" and "Anthony" are hilarious and terrifyingly simple, respectively.

Other work featured at Big Art includes Barbara Weiss' anti-Andy disassemblages that kept my interest for, oh, fifteen minutes, some wild mixed media pieces by Tom McKeith, a wizard at amalgamating various projected images, and some innocuous but colorful "things" concocted by Mary Rose.

These artists, thrown into the scary blender of Big Hair with the likes of Camacho, have succeeded in creating a stunning, reflective and vivid show. Damn Big, too.

The show, *Introductions '93*, runs through September 9 at Big Art/Big Hair, 1928 L St. Info: 446-2740.▼

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Write Companion Publications, Box 2575, Laguna Hills, CA 92654-2575.▼

New art show opens at Himovitz

A special group exhibition of works by 28 artists entitled *The Spirited Vine* will be at the Michael Himovitz Gallery October 6 to November 6. Curated by wine enthusiast, artist and chef of First Immigrant Cafe, Roxanne O'Brien, the exhibit is in celebration of the 1993 wine harvest in Northern California and a tribute to the inspirational and historical role that wine has played.

The thrust of the exhibit will revolve around the origins, mythology, customs and traditions of wine, wine drinking and the vine in painting, sculpture, furniture and book.

In conjunction with the exhibit, Roxanne O'Brien has painted the original artwork and designed the wine label for a California Chardonnay being bottled exclusively for Taylor's Market, 2900 Freeport Blvd. The wine will be available for purchase at the market by October 1.

The Gallery reception will be held as part of Second Saturday, October 9, from 5 - 8pm at the Michael Himovitz gallery, 1020 10th Street.▼

"White Noise" continues through August

Miriam Gray's Acting Studio announced the extension of the run of "White Noise." Miriam Gray's one-woman show runs through August 28, at 8pm on Fridays and Saturdays at Melarkey's, 1517 Broadway. Tickets are $10 in advance and $12 at the door. For reservations, call 448-5337 or 448-2797.

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Spotlight

My Boyfriend's Back

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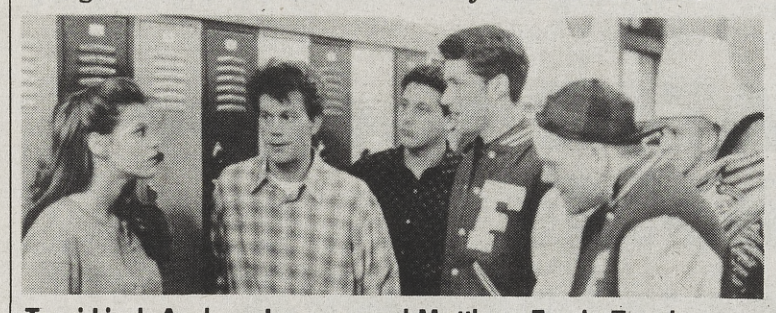
1993, Color, 93 mins.
Directed by **Bob Balaban**.
Starring **Andrew Lowery, Traci Lind, Danny Zorn, Edward Herrmann, Mary Beth Hurt, Jay O. Sanders, Paul Dooley, Brooke Adams, Cloris Leachman**.

Second feature film from actor/director Balaban (again with Mary Beth Hurt) is your average "dead boy gets live girl" teen flick that is sweetly unpretentious enough to entertain only among the mentally impaired, PG-13 crowd. Unfortunately, this tale of the "living impaired" is just a bit *too* familiar for the rest of us. Story centers on self-sacrificing Johnny (Lowery), killed in a bungled kidnaping attempt where he was the intended hero, not victim, committed in order to win the heart of Lind. *Naturally* Johnny returns from the dead (a variation of Frank Capra meets George Romero on the set of ***Gremlins***) and the real "fun" begins. Clever dialogue and genuinely funny moments are much too rare and can't be rescued by veterans Leachman or Dooley. Double-bill videos of Jacques Tourneur's ***I Walked with a Zombie*** (1943) and Cameron Crowe's ***Say Anything*** (1989) instead...you'll be *much* better off for the experience. Check out Balaban's earlier ***Parents*** (1989) for some truly bizarre humor and a *delicious* performance by Hurt. **-Erich Mathias**



Traci Lind, Andrew Lowery and Matthew Fox in Touchstone Pictures' *My Boyfriend's Back*.

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New Releases

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Howards End ▼▼▼▼
1991, British, Color, 143 mins.
Directed by **James Ivory**.
Starring **Anthony Hopkins, Vanessa Redgrave, Helena Bonham Carter, Emma Thompson, James Wilby, Samuel West, Jemma Redgrave, Nicola Duffett, Prunella Scales**.

Soaring, literate drama, adapted from the E.M. Forster novel, about intertwined and conflicting lives of several families from different social strata in Edwardian England. Put on its pace by the incomparable Vanessa Redgrave and a tense, ominous score by Richard Robbins, this is among the finest efforts of director Ivory and producer Ismael Merchant...and perhaps one of the finest films ever made. Impulsive, impetuous Thompson and Carter are perfectly juxtaposed against staid, devious Hopkins and a more assured Wilby (***Maurice***). Deserving Academy Award winner for Best Actress (Thompson), Adapted Screenplay (Ruth Prawer Jhabvala) and Art Direction (John Ralph). Widescreen laserdisc version is imminently more satisfying for home viewing. (E.M.)

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Enchanted April ▼▼▼
1992, British, Color, 93 mins.
Directed by **Mike Newell**.
Starring **Miranda Richardson, Josie Lawrence, Polly Walker, Joan Plowright, Alfred Molina, Michael Kitchen, Jim Broadbent**.

Touching slice-of-life revolving around plain, middle-class dreamers Richardson and Lawrence who take up temporary residence in an Italian villa with intransigent dowager Plowright and poor-little-rich-girl Walker. Richardson reteams with director Newell (***Dance with a Stranger***) but Lawrence and Plowright steal every scene and, with Molina and Walker, add immeasurable charm, humor and serenity to an otherwise bland storyline. Screenplay by Peter Barnes from the novel by Elizabeth Von Arnim. Excellent double-bill with ***Howards End***. (E.M.)

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Video Dare

...those little gems you may have missed...

An Angel at My Table ▼▼▼1/2
1990, New Zealand, Color , 158 mins.
Directed by **Jane Campion**.
Starring **Kerry Fox, Alexia Keogh, Karen Fergusson, Iris Churn, K.J. Wilson, Martyn Sanderson**.

Long, dreamy, top-rate biopic of famed New Zealand author Janet Frame, misdiagnosed as schizophrenic, spending 8 hellish years in a mental institution. Nicely composed postcard of diverse phases and images from the life of this dazzling, strong, unusual and immensely talented woman. Touching, emotional film is vast improvement over Campion's disastrous debut, ***Sweetie*** (1989, Australian), and may be counted among the better biographical features. Knock-out photographic and filter effects provide moody undercurrent to fine performances, particularly Fox and Keogh. Look for Campion's ***The Piano***, winner of the Palme d'Or at Cannes in 1993, starring Holly Hunter, coming to theatres soon. (E.M.)

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Matewan ▼▼▼▼
1987, Color, 130 mins.
Directed by **John Sayles**.
Starring **Chris Cooper, James Earl Jones, Mary McDonnel, Will Oldham, Bob Gunton, Kevin Tighe, Josh Mostel, Maggie Renzi**.

Gripping feature from independent writer/director Sayles about coal miners clashing with omnipresent coal mining company in 1920s West Virginia. A brilliantly violent excursion into race, politics, repression and hope; brimming with sharp images (thanks to Haskell Wexler's handsome photography) and performances by a largely unknown cast. Look for Sayles as a preacher in a brief cameo role; Tighe, remembered from TV's *Emergency*, is a particularly foul villain. Downbeat - and not to all tastes - but a worthy, first-rate film. (E.M.)

Available for rent at Tower Video.

Vintage Video

...recommended classics...

Animal Crackers ▼▼▼1/2
1930, Black & White, 98 mins.
Directed by **Victor Heerman**.
Starring **Groucho, Harpo, Chico and Zeppo Marx, Margaret Dumont, Lillian Roth, Louis Sorin, Hal Thompson, Robert Greig**.

Mediocre direction and disruptive musical interludes do not detract from this outrageous Marx Brothers comedy. Appealing on every level, the story revolves around convivial affair at socialite Dumont's home (with Dumont the perfect foil for the Marx' mayhem) where a valuable painting has been stolen. Based on a George S. Kaufman/Morris Ryskind stageplay, the Brothers naturally trash both content and context to their own anarchic ends. Bridge playing scene with Harpo and Chico is absolutely hilarious. (E.M.)

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The Killers ▼▼▼▼
1946, Black & White, 105 mins.
Directed by **Robert Siodmak**.
Starring **Burt Lancaster, Ava Gardner, Edmond O'Brien, Albert Dekker, Sam Levene, Virginia Christine, William Conrad, Charles McGraw**.

Piercing drama/thriller about the secret life of tough-guy Lancaster and his mysterious murder, based on a story by Ernest Hemingway. Lancaster is marvelous in his film debut, matched by sultry Gardner, who together form a sizzling romantic duo. Fascinating, fast-paced masterpiece echoes the dark corners of film noir with a storyline that parallels both ***Citizen Kane*** and ***Rashomon***, made all the more lush with rousing Miklos Rozsa score. Opening sequence is finely detailed study of tension in filmmaking. (E.M.)

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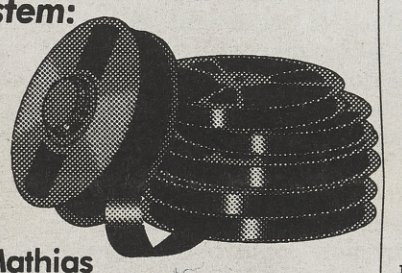

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Chapter Two

House of Sticks

Previously: We caught up with Adam, a year after his encounters with Larry. In the last chapter Adam was going to meet his future roommate's friend Jack. Adam was anxious, believing Jack would play a significant role in his future.

I entered the old house and looked for him. I saw a man whom I presumed was Jack sitting in the corner. It was disappointing. No bells. No whistles. Just a man, sitting there. He introduced himself as Jack and I explained who I was.

He was quite attractive. He stood a good five inches taller than me. He had dark wavy hair that was interestingly styled. It reminded me of a horse's mane. His eyes were deep and dark. Yes, he *was* attractive, but not what I had expected. Then again, I didn't know exactly what I had expected.

We sat and talked for awhile. I could tell he, or his parents, had money. He had on an expensive knit sweater, and many rings. I wondered what he was doing in this grungy old house. I found it intriguing that a man like him would come out and help a farm boy like myself, and an overweight unattractive girl like Marilynn.

Marilynn entered and saw us sitting together. She seemed strange about it. "Well, I see you two have hit it off."

It seemed to be suggestive. Perhaps there was something about him that she understood. I looked at him and contemplated him as gay. It seemed possible, but I didn't want to get worked up over nothing.

We began shoveling off the old warped tile in the kitchen. Jack thrust the shovel and pulled upward peeling it from the wood floor. A large spider crawled out from between the boards. He shrieked. I thought it was funny and picked up the spider and brought it near him. He scooted away, cowering in fear.

"What are you afraid of? It won't bite," I said laughing.

"Spiders never bite country bumpkins like you, but I am from the city, it will bite me simply because I have some culture!" he said jokingly, and still backing away.

"Just because I live in the country doesn't mean I am a country bumpkin!" I said back, almost serious.

Jack and I seemed to be relating to each other in a fun, friendly way. Marilynn never attempted to join in and eventually felt left out.

Later that evening Marilynn, Jack and I sat out on the front lawn eating chicken. I looked at him. I liked what I saw. I had made a new friend. Now I would have to take special care not to get too involved. I didn't want to have another situation like Larry.

"Look at that," he said, with his mouth full. I looked up to see a falling star. Secretly I wished that Jack was gay.

Marilynn snuggled up to Jack. It was a sight. A good looking man with her, it just didn't look right. She leered over at me, as if to say "I'll bet you wish you could do this."

Marilynn was a good friend, but she was very lonely. She could be extremely possessive. I knew because she had done it with me. Now it appeared that she was doing it with Jack. If he wasn't gay, she could have him, but if he was I was not going to let him go to waste. I considered how complicated this might become. She had liked me and now liked Jack. If Jack and I ended up together, it might get hairy.

After dinner Marilynn informed Jack that it was time to go. He said that he wanted to get a little more work done, but dreaded going back to his parent's house. I toyed with the thought that he wanted to spend more time with me. It was possible, but I felt it was unlikely he would want to stay because he liked me in a sexual way. I kept pushing such thoughts aside.

Marilynn became adamant. "We have to go now. I need to get home!"

"I can give him a ride home," I said, hoping.

"That's a good idea. You can go. I'll stick around and we can get some more work done," Jack added.

Marilynn mulled around for another half hour before she finally left. It was dark in the house; the electricity hadn't been hooked up. Jack and I set up a Coleman lamp and began stripping the walls in the living room. We talked for a long time about several things. I was aching to test him on his opinion about homosexuality. Finally I found a place to bring it up.

"You remind me of my friend Scott," Jack had mentioned.

"So what's the catch? Is he a fag or something?" I said, waiting to see how he reacted.

"No, as a matter of fact he isn't! Why, do you have something against gay people?"

"No," I answered. "Nothing against gays. I just figured it was something you might say." That was that. Not much to go on.

"So what is with you and Marilynn? Are you dating?" I asked ever so innocently.

"Hell No!" he said harshly. "Not at all! She hangs on me and stuff. Probably gets her jollies off of it. But I wouldn't.. I couldn't...."

"Just because she's fat?" I continued.

"There are many reasons. That isn't one of them. I'll get into it another time."

The conversation somehow branched off about his father; how he was an alcoholic. Jack showed me a bracelet he had on. It read "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

A nice sentiment. I wished I had heard it back when I had first met Larry. I had intended to apply it to Jack though. If he wasn't gay I would have to accept it. How could I find out? I got things into perspective. It was the first day I had met him. There would be time to figure out what was going on. There was a lot I wanted to know about him. There were definitely possibilities here.

To be continued▼

Bi's to meet in San Diego

BiWest, the 1993 Western & Pacific Rim Bisexual Conference will be held October 22 to 24 in San Diego.

Fritz Klein, M.D., author of the *The Bisexual Option* will discuss the new sexual orientation grid from his upcoming update of the 1978 book, and Dr. Ron Fox, will speak on his recent comprehensive survey on bisexuality.

Other speakers include Lani Kaahumanu, editor and contributor to *Bi Any Other Name - Bisexual People Speak Out;* Dr. Amity Pierce Buxton, author of *The Other Side of the Closet - The Straight Spouse;* activist Robyn Ochs and Nina Silver, contributors to *Closer to Home - Bisexual People Speak Out;* Dr. Regina Reinhardt, author of *Bisexual Women in Relationships;* William Crawford, M.D., safer-sex lecturer; and religion writer J.L. Wohls.

Workshop topics include bisexual relationships and lifestyles; the sexual orientation grid; bisexual politics; bisexuality and the media; religion, spirituality and sexual orientation; bisexuality and feminism; transcultural and transgender issues; AIDS and safer sex. Info: (619) 259-8019.▼

AT&T League holds conference

The Lesbian, Bisexual and Gay United Employees at AT&T (LEAGUE) held their second annual conference at the Washington Marriott Hotel in Washington, D.C. Over 200 AT&T employees attended the three day seminar.

Congressman Gary Studds (D-MA) made an appearance at the banquet and AT&T Group Executive Robert Kavner was a keynote speaker.

Guest speakers included: Brian McNaught, nationally recognized educator on lesbian and gay issues: Mandy Carter, of the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF); Ann Northrop, board member of th Gay Games; Polly Laurelchild-Hertig of Lotus Development Corporation, Linda Villarosa, Senior Editor of Essence Magazine and Rabbi David Horrowitz from Akron, Ohio's Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

The speakers addressed a variety of topics including Quality and Diversity, Domestic Partner Benefits, Combating Homophobia, HIV in the Workplace and Public Speaking Skills.

The first annual conference was held in Orlando, Florida in 1992 and LEAGUE is planning the 1994 conference to be held in Boston, Massachusetts.

Info: Kathleen Dermody, 908-658-6013, Arturo Nava 508-960-6795.▼

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Inside, 39 nozzles spray cleanser and water at the walls, mirror, sink and toilet. Warm air dries the room. Total time: 24 minutes. Paper dispensers stay dry outside the folded walls.

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Clinton on line

Confirming their "commitment to change," Bill Clinton and Al Gore have announced that, "for the first time in history, the White House will be connected to you via electronic mail."

According to a memo for the Office of Presidential Correspondence, the White House will be connected to Internet. Congress and various government agencies are expected to follow suit, under the auspices of a program known as Americans Communicating Electronically (ACE).

According to Clinton and Gore, "e-mail messages will be read and receipt immediately acknowledged. A careful count will be taken on the number received as well as the subject of the message."

To e-mail your suggestions and other comments: Bill Clinton: PRESIDENT @ WHITEHOUSE.GOV, Al Gore: VICEPRESIDENT @ WHITEHOUSE.GOV.

Sister 2 Sister

"Tell people to be honest. Don't live with lies. It's up to you, it's up to me, to bring this out." That's some of the advice offered by gay singer RuPaul Andre Charles in the latest issue of *Sister 2 Sister*. *Sister 2 Sister* is a glossy magazine that reports on the entertainment industry, with a particular emphasis on African American women.

In "She's Quite a Man," RuPaul — who's been "doing professional drag for about eleven years" — talks about being gay and his decision to attend his family reunion.

RuPaul also offers some insights into his experience with drag ("Underneath everything, we're all doing drag, honey.") and being gay ("People who live outside the main parameters of society see things other people don't see. It's like dogs that can hear things we can't hear.").

Send comments to Jaime Foster Brown, Publisher, *Sister 2 Sister,* Box 41148, Washington, DC 20018.

Teaching tolerance, again

In response to concerns that wealthy homophobes were attempting to exert editorial control at the Southern Poverty Law Center, the Law Center has reaffirmed a commitment to combat homophobia in *Teaching Tolerance* magazine published by the Law Center and distributed free to school teachers.

Last month, Pam Walton (producer of the video *Gay Youth*) reported that *Teaching Tolerance* had come "under pressure from homophobic funders to omit articles that address the problems of gay and lesbian youth." While the magazine had addressed such issues in the past, there was a mounting danger that it might no longer do so. According to Walton, she was privately informed by Carol Heller, a *Teaching Tolerance* Research Fellow, that: "The southern Poverty Law Center is more interested in raising money than in teaching tolerance."

Sarah Bullard, editor of *Teaching Tolerance*, has refuted Walton's and Heller's claim and has denied that bigots with big checks compromised the Law Center's values. Bullard has vowed that her publications will not cater to such homophobic interests nor retreat from lesbian and gay issues.

Thank Bullard for her commitment, and encourage her to act upon that commitment soon. Write to Sarah Bullard, Editor, *Teaching Tolerance*, Southern Poverty Law Center, 400 Washington Avenue, Montgomery, AL 36104, tel. 205-264-0286, fax 205-264-3121.

Money magazine

"How to retire early" is the cover story in the June issue of *Money* magazine. Written by Ruth Simon, the feature profiles various older couples and traces their financial success stories. Included amongst the cast are "Martha Burns, 51, and her partner Linda Hartsock, 53, (who) have socked away $140,000." Highlighting the feature article is a full-page photo spread of the grinning lesbian couple, standing in front of the house they plan to retire to by the year 2003.

Feedback can be sent to Jason McManus, Editor-In-Chief, *Money* magazine, Time & Life Building, Rockefeller Center, New York, NY 10020

Important "Details"

In the June issue of *Details* magazine, correspondent John Weir writes about "The Boys and the Ban: Gay Life in the Marines." The author visited Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, "to uncover the roots of rage and self-loathing in the U.S. military." In an impressive essay, Weir examines homophobia in the small military town that had received notoriety when local marines attacked a gay man, allegedly in response to President Clinton's plan to end official discrimination in the militay. In his essay, Weir offers up many important details and overlooked stories that have not been explored in other mainstream media, including the outright advocacy of gay-bashing on the military base and within the town's hate groups.

The same issue of *Details* includes a survey of readers' sexual habits, which included responses from gay men. Also in the issue is a two page map of "The Geography of Desire," which documents the "disturbingly primitive" laws governing sex in each of the United States. Illegal sexual activities in Oregon, for example, include "homosexual oral sex" and "visible erections (even if clothed)." "Unmarried sex," among other things, is a legal no-in Idaho. For more details, see the June *Details.*

Send feedback to James Truman, Editor-In-Chief, Details, 632 Broadway, New York, NY 10012.▼

Extra effort

Check out the June issue of *Extra!*, the magazine published by Fairness & Accuracy in Reporting (FAIR). The theme is "Confronting Homophobia: Gays & Lesbians and the Media."

The articles examine the mediated hate campaigns of the "religious" right, educational equity and textbook reform, the track record of the mainstream media, lesbian and gay journalists, and media activism strategies.

Direct compliments to Jim Naureckas, Editor, Extra!, 130 West 25th Street, New York, NY 10001, tel. 212-633-6700, fax 212-727-7668.

Censorship in Clinton's NEA?

Despite Bill Clinton's campaign promises to free the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) from the censorious policies of the Reagan-Bush years, the Justice Department has recently engaged in legal maneuvers that would uphold NEA funding restrictions for lesbian and gay films, photographs, plays and other media arts. Attorney General Janet Reno has given tacit approval to an appeal, filed March 29, that would overturn a district court ruling that voided the ban on funding lesbian/gay and "sexually explicit" projects.

If the appeal is successful, the NEA's homophobic "decency clause" will be reinstated. According to attorney David Cole, of the Center for Constitutional Rights, "This is another situation in which President Clinton's administration is not acting consistently with Bill Clinton."

This September, Congress will review a bill to reauthorize the NEA. Bigoted members of the House and Senate will attempt to impose various content restrictions on NEA grants as part of that bill. Urge your representatives to resist all efforts to contaminate the appropriations process with homophobia. Remind the President that he campaigned on an anti-censorship platform, and that his full attention and leadership are needed to ensure equity and diversity in NEA funding.

For the names and addresses of your congressional representatives, call your local library or contact the League of Women Voters, tel. 415-989-8683. Contact President Bill Clinton at The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, DC 20500, tel. 202-456-1414.▼

Newsletter News

More newsletters that are well-worth checking out: *MediaCulture Review,* a newsletter of media culture, politics and activism, is published every other month by the Institute of Alternative Journalism, 100 East 85 St., New York, NY 10028, 212-799-4822. *CultureWatch* is a monthly annotated bibliography of key articles on America's "culture wars," focusing on issues relating to freedom of expression, censorship, and Right-wing attacks on the arts community.

CultureWatch is published by The DataCenter, 464 19th St., Oakland, CA 94612-2297, 510-835-4692, fax 510-835-3017. Various freedom of expression issues are also covered in *Censorship News,* the quarterly newsletter of the National Coalition Against Censorship, 2 West 64th Street, Rm. 402, New York, NY 10023, 212-724-1500.

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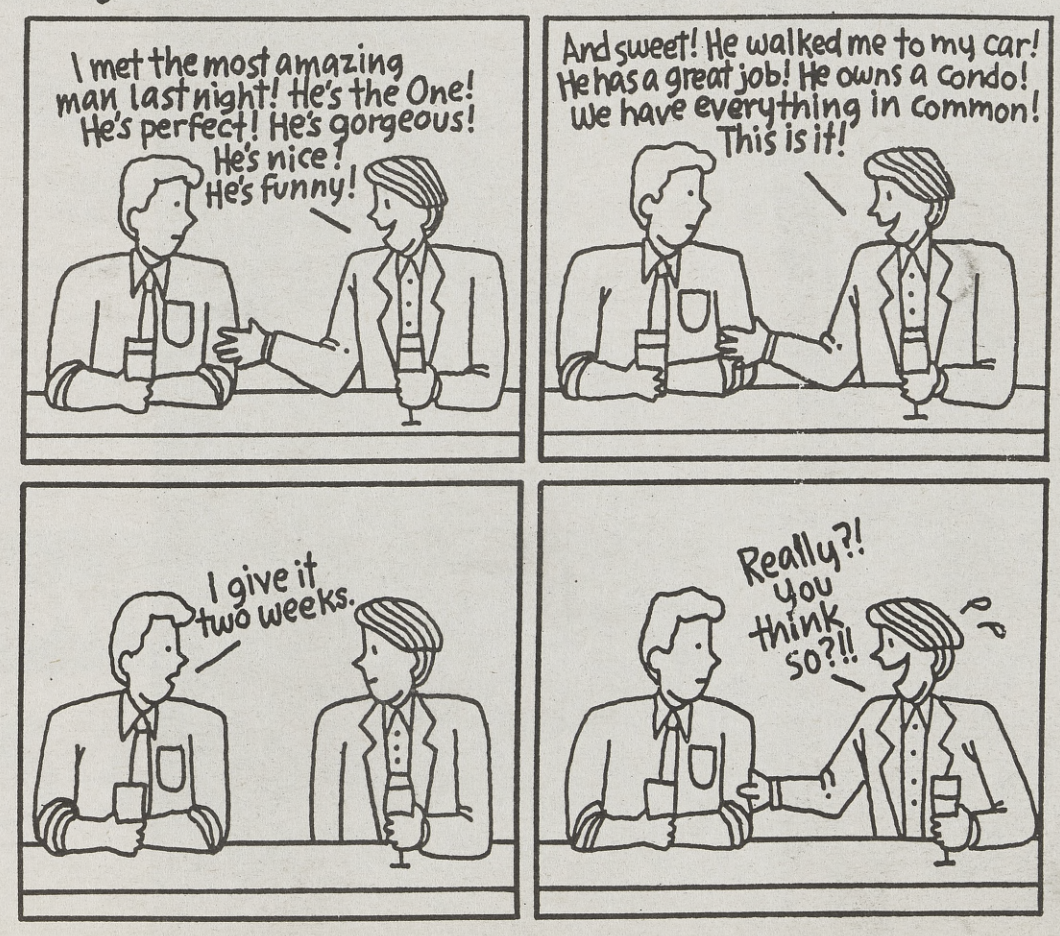
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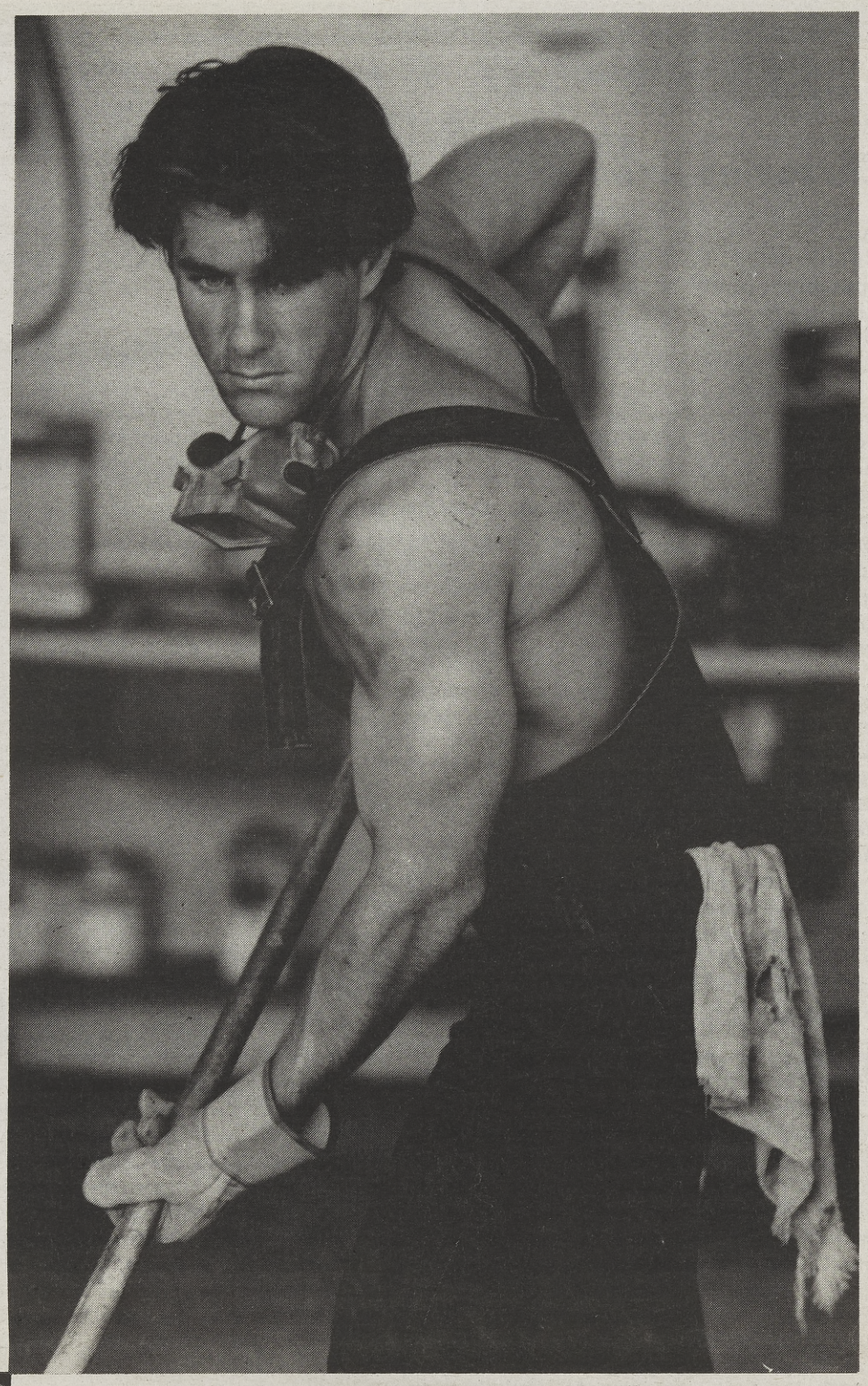

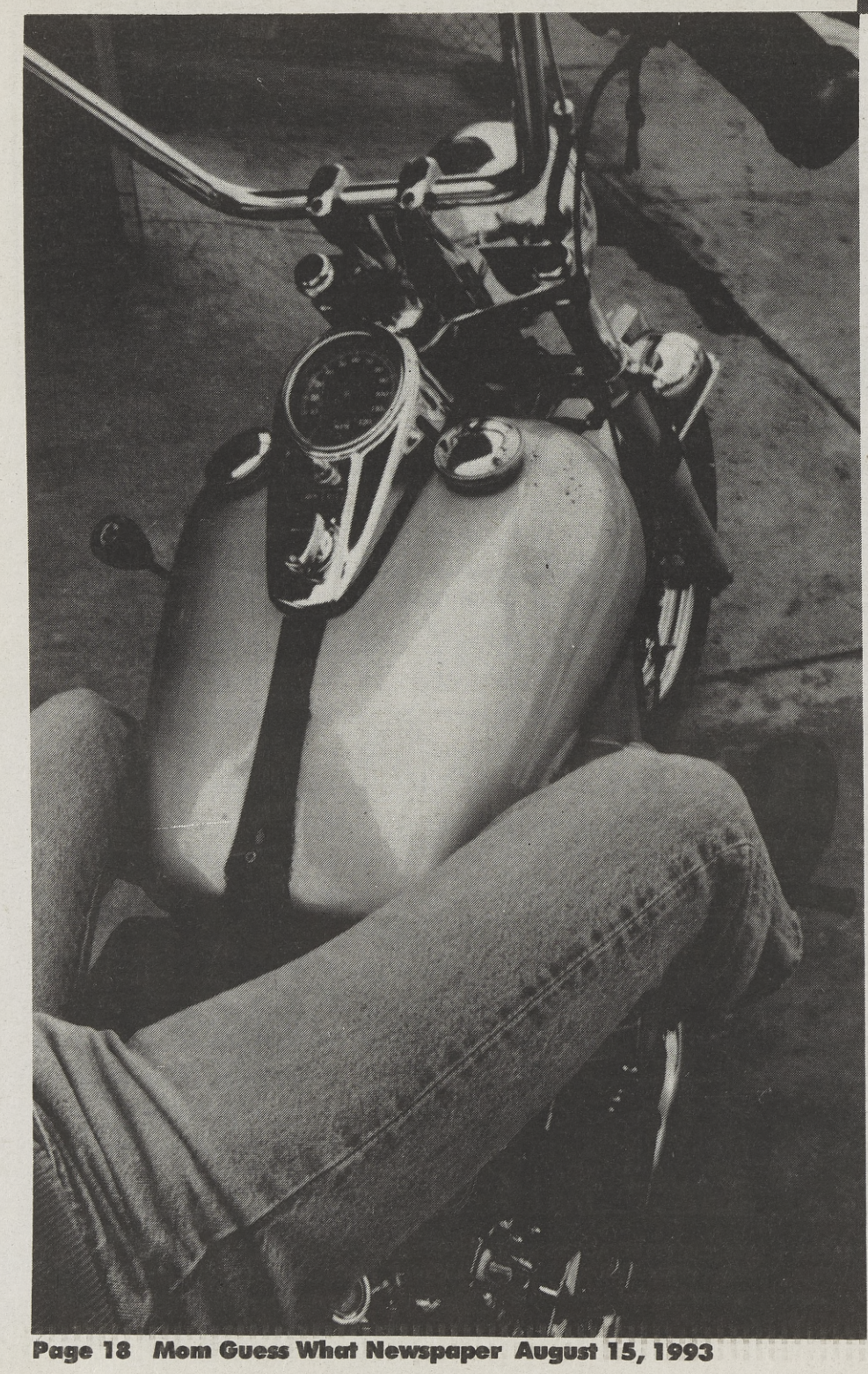

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Gay doctors to meet in Portland

The 11th Annual American Association of Physicians for Human Rights (AAPHR) Symposium in Portland, Oregon in August will be the first significant gathering of gay and lesbian physicians to take place since the American Medical Association (AMA) voted June 15 to ban discrimination in membership based on sexual orientation.

The symposium follows AAPHR's meeting on health policy issues with Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala, and AAPHR's March on Washington reception, which became the largest gathering of gay and lesbian physicians.

The symposium will include presentations on gay and lesbian physicians in the military; the contributions of lesbian physicians in the early 20th century; the biological determinants of homosexuality; and the harmful health effects of homophobia.

AAPHR's annual AIDS Day, organized by HIV experts Donald Abrams, MD, and Neil Schram, MD, features discussions of tuberculosis and the HIV-infected patient, care of end-stage HIV disease and updates on antiviral therapies, vaccine development, and prophylaxis for opportunistic infections.

Symposium speakers will include Bob Hattoy, Clinton White House associate personnel director, a gay man with HIV who addressed the 1992 Democratic Convention and educator Joseph Fernandez, PhD, whose championing of gay-inclusive curricula in public education recently cost him his job as chancellor of the New York Board of Education. Hattoy and Fernandez will receive two of seven 1993 AAPHR Achievement Awards to be presented at the conference. Other honorees and speakers will include film director Gus Van Sant, medical journalist Sari Staver, Lobby for Individual Freedom & Equality co-chair Audrey Covner, RN & JD, and a Centers for Disease Control HIV official James Curran, MD.

The symposium will take place August 9-21 at the Benson Hotel in Portland. AAPHR which was to meet in Denver chose to move its symposium after a majority of Colorado voters enacted anti-gay legislation. Oregon's electorate rejected a similar law. Info: 415 255-4547.▼

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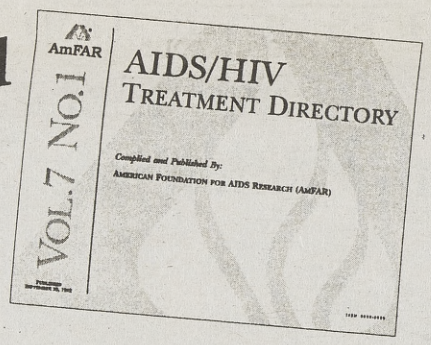

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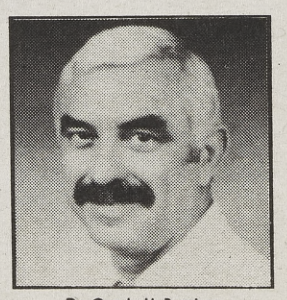
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The Stonewall Rebellion

IN THE SIXTIES, gays and lesbians in New York City could not gather legally. Gay bars could not get licenses. People could be - and were - arrested for wearing more than three items of clothing considered appropriate for the opposite sex. Gays and lesbians were frequent subjects of verbal and physical harassment. Police raids on gay bars were common. Afraid of arrest or calls to employees and families, men and women complied with the police or fled.

ON JUNE 27,1969, POLICE RAIDED THE STONEWALL INN in Greenwich Village because it was serving liquor without a license. They began sending customers out the door, and crowds gathering outside cheered the departing patrons. A paddy wagon arrived and police shoved patrons into it. Anger erupted. The rebellion began. The crowd threw cans and bottles at windows, and hurled coins, stones and parking meters at the police. Back-up police in riot gear arrived, striking the crowd with night sticks. The raid and rebellion lasted 45 minutes and sparked week-long demonstrations.

THE NATIONAL GAY RIGHTS MOVEMENT WAS BORN. Though police continued to raid gay bars, Stonewall had signaled the ability to say, "Enough," and created a collective defiance against official repression. Gays and lesbians began to organize, politicize and fight for their civil rights around the country.

Today, openly gay and lesbian leaders are in every arena - politics, science, culture, business, sports. They are accepted more than ever before. But anti-gay violence, from verbal harassment to physical assault, is on the rise in many cities. There are very few state or city laws barring discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. The gay community continues to face discrimination. National leadership on HIV and AIDS issues is inadequate.

THE STONEWALL AWARDS celebrate the spirit of the Stonewall Rebellion and inspire action. Info: The Anderson Prize Foundation, 1555 North Astor Street, 10-NE, Chicago, IL 60610.

State Fair horse and dog show is great

by Joan B. Guertin
MGW/Staff

You need not be an animal lover to appreciate the activities that will be taking place at the California State Fair's Cavalcade of Horses Arena beginning on Friday, August 20. Although the Arena will be kept busy from opening to closing, two acts, each returning for the second year, deserve special mention, The Magical World of Dancing Horses and Stock Dogs In Action.

World renowned equestrienne, Dianne Olds-Rossi guides some of the most spectacular horseflesh to ever grace an arena through moves that will stop-the-heart and bring tears to the eyes. With sunlight glinting off his burnished golden coat, and cream mane and tail flying, the magnificent Arabian stallion performs as gracefully. A ballet star, he is impressive in the "Airs Above the Ground".

Cal Dorado, with Olds-Rossi driving, effortlessly executes each move flawlessly, truly poetry-in-motion. His golden son, aptly named Go For The Gold continues with spectacular, breathtaking leaps, all choreographed to the sounds of the Disney Electric Parade.

But the true star of the show is Night Magic, an immense Friesian stallion that appears to float around the ring without touching the ground. He's the stuff of every childhood fantasy and the time he's in the arena is frozen in memory.

The strains of the Star Wars theme herald his entry, with nostrils flared, neck arched, ebony, plaited mane flowing to his knees and the thick tail reaching to ground, Night Magic is a worthy steed for his mythical rider, Darth Vadar.

It is easy to see why crowds will return again and again to witness this spectacle.

It is hard to think of animals this large as being pets, but to Olds-Rossi her charges are not just performers. In a recent interview she explained that the stress of training and performing does take its toll but she and the horses have a wonderful rapport. She admits that she allows them to play when she works them from the ground but they understand that when she's on board that it is all business. Trust is particularly vital because the Darth Vadar helmet restricts her vision; a dangerous situation when working an arena. The trust between her and her mount is evident in this situation.

Olds-Rossi also promises some new and exciting additions to the show this year, more horses, new moves, exciting music. Even hubby Rex Rossi who delights with rope skills has added to his repertoire and might even make some young fair-goer momentary star.

They will also have their kitten with them who began her days here in Sacramento last year, abandoned along I-5 where the Olds-Rossi's found her and the litter. I am even contemplating taking her brother, Gypsy-Cat to the fair one day for a visit with his sister.

The second act that deserves mentioning is Stock Dogs in Action. Bill Scott, wife Margie and their impressive Border Collies and Corgi's make their home in Rocklin at Quarry House Kennels. I've seen a great many working dog acts in my time, but never have I been so impressed as I have been with the Scott's. So impressed, in fact, that I now take my Corgi's to him for training.

Scott works his dogs naturally, gently and consistently. The Border collies you will see are doing what they do because they have been bred for the work, but more importantly, they love what they do. Bill uses no artificial training tools, shock collars, etc., in training, he works dogs that have the instinct, and trains gently so that they always love their work.

Again we have a new and improved presentation. Scott will work from horseback and from the ground and he's introducing some other interesting four-legged members of the troupe. Last year my Corgi, Evie, provided some comic relief, but since she's gone on to her REAL job as a hearing dog for the deaf, I understand that Bill also has something new and exciting planned to offer some chuckles.

I'll be on hand again this year sharing some announcing chores with Margie and generally helping out

The rest of the fair will be exciting as well, plenty of opportunities to sample the wares of many vendors. Of course, I still have things from last year that I haven't used, but it sure looked good when I watched the demonstration. One item that I picked up a few years ago was a cowboy hat for my daughter's dog Bandit .... he still wears it for company and parades. I'm sure the vendor will be on hand for the pet goodies, so take the ol' billfold, some of it is too good to pass up

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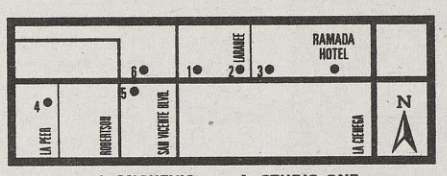

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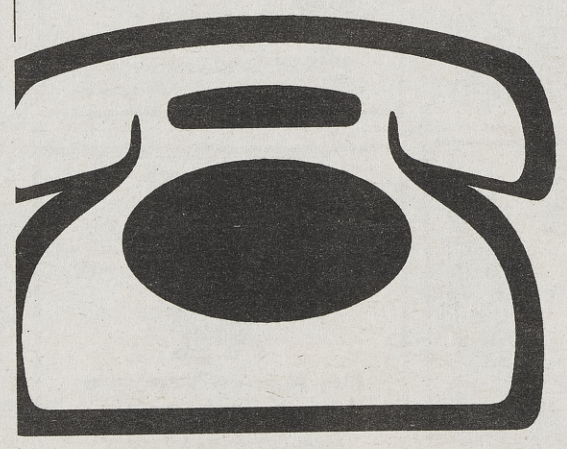

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Personals-Men

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Gay Couple would like to meet other gays and couples interested in relaxed honest friendship. Box 22201, Sac 95822.

Senior, 67, seeks same for dining out and companionship. Must be neat n/s n/d. MGW, Box 14, 1725 L St., 95814.

Two GM tops mid 40's. Trim, good looking. HIV-, looking for same in single male bottom 20 - 30 yrs old. 344-8214. Serious only.

Does anybody play chess or want to learn? I am interested in casual friendship. Land Park area. 442-8819.

GM 5'10" 145 lbs, HIV+ seeking friends HIV+. Down to earth, any race, 30/45yo Calvin, 442-7227.

GM, 31, Italian, looking for friendship, love. ND, no games players 5'3", 125. 448-9176 or 551-8432.

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Big Brofther, 5'10", 170#, HIV-, blond top seeking little brother; UB phys fit, HIV-NS/ND bottom who enjoys spending days/nights together. John, 649-3965.

GM, 43, 180#, 5'11", to meet for friendship/poss relationship. After 4pm, 454-5075.

GM, 49, 5', 132#, HIV-, seeks same for friends. Smokers OK. Light drinker, no drugs. any race/age in Sac. Ken, 448-1382 X9/1

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Personals-Women

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Wanted for softball. Women of all sizes, shapes, ages. To play non-competitive softball on Sundays and have a good time. Terri, 852-0876.

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Rm for rent, near city college, Female only. Share 3 bd, 2 ba, home w/WD, 2 lg. labs, 3 cats & 1 GF. Pos attitude & privacy a must. Pvt ba & phone. $285 mo. + 1/2 util. Some storage negot. Sorry, no dogs. X10/1

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CALENDAR

Calendar lists are FREE to non-profit organizations. Listings must be made in writing (Day, Date, What, Who, Where, Time, Phone) by the 10th or 25 of each month. Listings are not taken over the phone.

A U G U S T

15 - Sunday

SACWN SINGLES CONNECTION Picnic with boating at Folsom Lake. 11am, Lesha, 676-0641.

SACWN TOP TEN Brunch at Cheyenne'sfor "over 50" women, noon, Lise, 452-4948.

G.L.A.D. TOASTMASTERS Club, Metropolitan Church, 34th & Broadway, North Hall, 9:30am, every Sunday, 362-9013.

SACWN NEWCOMERS Come for dinner and meet some new friends. Nancy, 454-5847.

16 - Monday

SACRAMENTO FRONTRUNNERS, training, CSUS, 7pm, Jim 387-8275.

UMOJA Support collective for Lesbians of African Descent. 7pm. Women's Civil Improvement Club, 3555 3rd Ave. 452-1102.

MEN'S COMING OUT GROUP 5:30pm. Lambda Center, 442-0185.

HERBALIST WORKSHOP Herbalist Lisa Hill explores the uses of Chinese herbs for Fertility. $3, 7:30 - 9pm, Feminist Women's Health Center, 3401 Folsom Blvd, Suite A, 451-0621.

WOMEN'S RAP and Social Group. 7pm. Lambda Center, 442-0185.

RCDC General Meeting, 6:30 pm, YWCA, 17th & L sts.

TWIN SPIRIT VETERAN ASSOC. 7:30pm, Sanctuary, RCMCC, 36th & Broadway.

17 - Tuesday

BEING GAY TODAY 10pm, Cable Chan. 18.

PFLAG The video "Support and Defend," 7:30pm, Rm. 23, Education Bldg., St. Marks Methodist Church, 2391 St. Marks Way and Lusk Dr., near Watt and El Camino. 665-1050.

SG/L FILM FESTIVAL Planning meeting. 5:30 - 6:30. Lambda Center, Second Floor, Library, 1931 L St. Allen, 482-6397.

18 - Wednesday

LAMBDA COMMUNITY FUND Board of Directors meeting, 6:30 pm Lambda Center, 20th & L sts. 442-0185.

PFLAG Video "Support & Defend", gays and lesbians in the military. 7pm, St. Marks Methodist Church, St. Marks Way and Lusk Dr., near Watt and El Camino. 665-1050.

SACRAMENTO FRONTRUNNERS, evening run, McKinley Park, tennis shack, Jim 387-8275.

MAD DOG RADIO 6 - 8pm. KCBL 88.7FM. Call for requests, 456-5199.

HIV+ SUPPORT GROUP CARES< Buhler Bldg 7:30pm, 443-3299.

COMMON SENSE DOG TRAINING. Joan B. Guertin 485-2201. Cresta Park, off La sierra on Esperanza.

LESBIAN AND GAY BUSINESS ALLIANCE (LGBA) "Pro's & Con's of doing Business in the Gay Community" 7pm Carrow's Restaurant, 28th & J. 641-8775.

AIDS UNITY PRESENTATION Artists for Children Impacted by AIDS. Exhibits, music and poetry. 11am - 3 pm, W. steps of State Capitol, Dexter Smith, 447-6209.

19 - Thursday

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20 - Friday

GREAT GATSBY FESTIVAL Vintage cars, boats and music. So. Lake Tahoe. 1-573-2600.

CANTALOUPE FESTIVAL Churchill fairgrounds, Fallon NV, w/Jefferson Starship thru Aug. 22. 702-423-2544.

PHOENIX RISING WEEKEND Thru Sunday. westin Hotle, LA Airport. 310-318-2144.

YOUTH GROUP 5:45pm, Lambda Center, 1931 L St.

CAFE LAMBDA 8pm, Lambda Center, 1931 LSt.

SACWN SINGLES CONNECTION discussion of break-up issues, 7pm, Lesha, 676-0641.

21 - Saturday

POKER CLUB For lesbian Couples over 35. K or J, 649-1182.

RIVER FESTIVAL Steamboats, stern-wheelers and PT boats rides. Petaluma 707-762-5331.

SACRAMENTO FRONTRUNNERS, Guy West Bridge, 9am, Jim 387-8275.

ZUCCHINI FESTIVAL Cooking, carving and growing. Hayward, 510-581-4364.

SACWN Goes to The Soaps. "Two in Twenty," 6:30pm. Beverly Garland Hotel, 451-8034.

FLAGS THEATRE SERIES, *Quilters* 8:15 Foothills Theatre, Nevada City. Jack, 823-9283.

CHEEKS AND CHAPS CONTEST and pool party. Yosemite Chapter of Knights of Malta, $5 -$7.50 3pm til ? 5145 E. Washington Ave, Fresno.

G.L.A.D. TOASTMASTERS Club, Metropolitan Church, 34th & Broadway, North Hall, 9:30am, every Sunday, 362-9013.

SACWN HIKING Journey to a clear mountain lake. Karen, 753-6670.

22 - Sunday

HAITIAN DEMOCRACY BENEFIT, Good Time, Wm. Land Park Ampthtr., w/Beat Stew. Donations $5. 441-0947.

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WOMEN OF COLOR SUPPORT GROUP 7:15 pm Lambda Center, 1931 L St. Josie, 442-0185.

SOFTBALL Noon,and 1:20. 16th & C sts.

DYKES OUT TOGETHER Sly Park Outing. Kim, 454-2896.

AIDS QUILT DISPLAY Sacramento Convention Center. 443-3299.

CUT-A-THON 10am - 2pm, Broadway Barber and Beauty, 239 Broadway.

WESTERN WEEKEND Square Dancing. Guerneville.

DYKES OUT TOGETHER Softball. 11am - 1pm. Glenbrook Park, La Riviera & Watt. Terrie, 852-0876.

AIDS BENEFIT "Have I Got a Dealer for You", Himovitz Gallery,

KATHLEEN BROWN'S SUMMERFEST Entertainment and barbeque dinner. $25, 3 - 6pm, William Land Park, 12th Ave & 13th St. 441-4101.

CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR Hispanic Culture day. Cal Expo, Bus. 80 at Expo Blvd.

SACWN BRIDGE GROUP , Call for time and location, Kathy, 362-3175.

23 - Monday

MEN'S COMING OUT GROUP 5:30pm. Lambda Center, 442-0185.

PRIME 8'S Dancing at Tammy's, 7 - 9pm.

SACRAMENTO FRONTRUNNERS, training, CSUS, 7pm, Jim 387-8275.

WOMEN'S RAP and Social Group. 7pm. Lambda Center, 442-0185.

ARTISTS RECEPTION Liz hollon soft sculptures. Noon - 1pm. American River College, 4700 College Oak Dr.

SG/L FILM FESTIVAL Planning meeting. 5:30 - 6:30. Lambda Center, Second Floor, Library, 1931 L St. Allen, 482-6397.

CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR Kid's Day. Cal Expo, Bus. 80 at Expo Blvd.

24 - Tuesday

UCD PRESENTS Pete Escoveda, Latin jazz band. Free. 7:30 The Quad, UC Davis, 757-3199.

HETEROSEXUAL HIV SUPPORT GROUP CARES, 6:30pm, 447-5316.

BEING GAY TODAY 10pm, Cable Chan. 18.

CAPITOL CITY SQUARES Tearing up the floor at The Silver Spur. 7 - 9pm, 28th & Broadway.

CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR Golden Age Day. Cal Expo, Bus. 80 at Expo Blvd.

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25 - Wednesday

FLAGS NIGHT OUT Come for dinner to David's Thai Restaurant, Auburn 6pm, Lincoln way exit off I80. Jck H. 823-9283.

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SAGA IV SKATING PARTY $5. 8:30 - 10:30 pm. Foothill Skate Inn, 4700 Auburn Blvd. Tom, 635-155.

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BEING ALIVE LIVING OOM 2 - 5pm, Lambda Center, 1931 L St.

COMMON SENSE DOG TRAINING. Curtis Park, Sutterville & W. Curtis. Joan B. Guertin 485-2201.

27 - Friday

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28 - Saturday

RAILROAD DAYS Parade, train rides and exhibits. Portola, 1-832-5564.

YOUTH SOCIAL 8pm - Midnite. Lambda Center, 1931 L St.

CHINATOWN STREETFEST Oakland, 510-893-8979.

FREEDOM FEST 1993 Masquerade Ball. $5 - $7. 7pm to midnite. RCMCC Grand Ballroom, 34th St. & Broadway. Tickets at Phoenix Books, 132 Broadway.

CAPITOL CITY SQUARES 12th Anniversary Dance with Bill Eyler and Italian buffet. 6pm - 10:30pm. Congregation B'Nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Blvd. James, 925-4242.

FLAGS Two Steppin Saturday Night. 8pm Smith Flat Grange Hall, Placerville. Betsy, 647-2119.

DUCAL BALL '93 $12, "The Age of Renassiance: Hollywood Style," Warner's Star Palace, Fresno, 209-225-5758.

FRIENDS OF JOE SERNA, Benefit with Mumbo Gumbo at Roosevelt Park, 10th & P sts. 3-8:30pm. 443-2457.

DEUCE Preservation Park Oakland, 12 - 1, Milk Way and 13th St. Ellen, 510-724-0674.

SACRAMENTO FRONTRUNNERS, Guy West Bridge, 9am, Jim 387-8275.

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SOFTBALL Noon, 1:20 and 2:40. 16th & C sts.

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DEUCE Healdsburg Summer Concerts, 2 - 4, Matheson & Center Sts. Ellen, 510-724-0674.

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SACRAMENTO LEATHER ASSOC. 7pm, Wreck Room

▼GALLERIES▼

Abreu Gallery, Impressionist L. Gordon, 8/1 8/31. 3712 Auburn Blvd., 488-1211.

Archival Framing Gallery, "Wonderland," art honoring the literary works of Lewis Carroll, 8/3 - 8/28. Corey Okada, paintings and drawings, 9/3 - 10/1; "Sight-Bytes," 10/5 - 10/29; William Maul, 11/2 - 12/3; Al Farrow drawings, 12/7 - 12/23. 1729 L St., 444-9624.

American River College Liz Hollon soft sculptures. Thru 9/16. 4700 College Oak Dr.

Center for Contemporary Art, 1116 15th Street., 448-6269.

Crocker Art Museum Childrens art programs, thru 8/28. "Expressive Vision: Short Center Artists," Thru 9/12. 216 O St., 264-5423.

Fine Eye Gallery, 71 Main St., Sutter Creek, (209) 267-0571.

J. Maddux Parker Gallery 1107 22nd St., 448-6616.

Java City Acrylics by Patrick Ardell. Thru Aug 31. Java City, 1800 capitol Ave. 444-JAVA.

Judith Weintraub Gallery Group show, 8/11 - 8/28. "Some Light on the World." 9/8. Brenda Louie: Some Light on the World. 9/8 - 10/2; Kent Fries, sculpture, Craig Smith, paintings, drawings, 10/6 - 11/6; Christine Peirano, paintings, Tom Rippon, paintings, drawings, 11/10 - 12/4; Laureen Landau, paintings, Ken Waterstreet, paintings, 12/8 - 12/31. 1723 J St. 442-3360.

La Plaza Galeria Posada, 704 O St., 446-5133.

Litz Rail Gallery, Leslie Philpott and Dolly Cahill Johnson 8/14 - 9/10; Al Pierson and Max White, 9/11 - 10/8. Dennis Angel and Orna Benshoshan 10/9 - 11/12. Mary Dekker and Sherman Warren, 11/13 - 12/10. 912 12th St, 441-1013.

MATRIX GALLERY 1725 I St. 441-4818.

Michael Himovitz Gallery Anne Gregory, Michael Hough, Cristina Degennaro, 9/8 - 10/2. 1020 10th, 448-8723.

New Helvetia Coffe Roasters, Ceramic Artifact Wall Sculpture by Carol Attoe 1215 19th St. 922-0740.

The Shenandoah Gallery, Anya Spielman "Archaeology of Mind." Thru 9/15. 12300 Steiner Rd., Plymouth, 209-245-4455.

UCD Gallery Ansell Adams's proof images exhibit. Thru 9/17. 752-1621.

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